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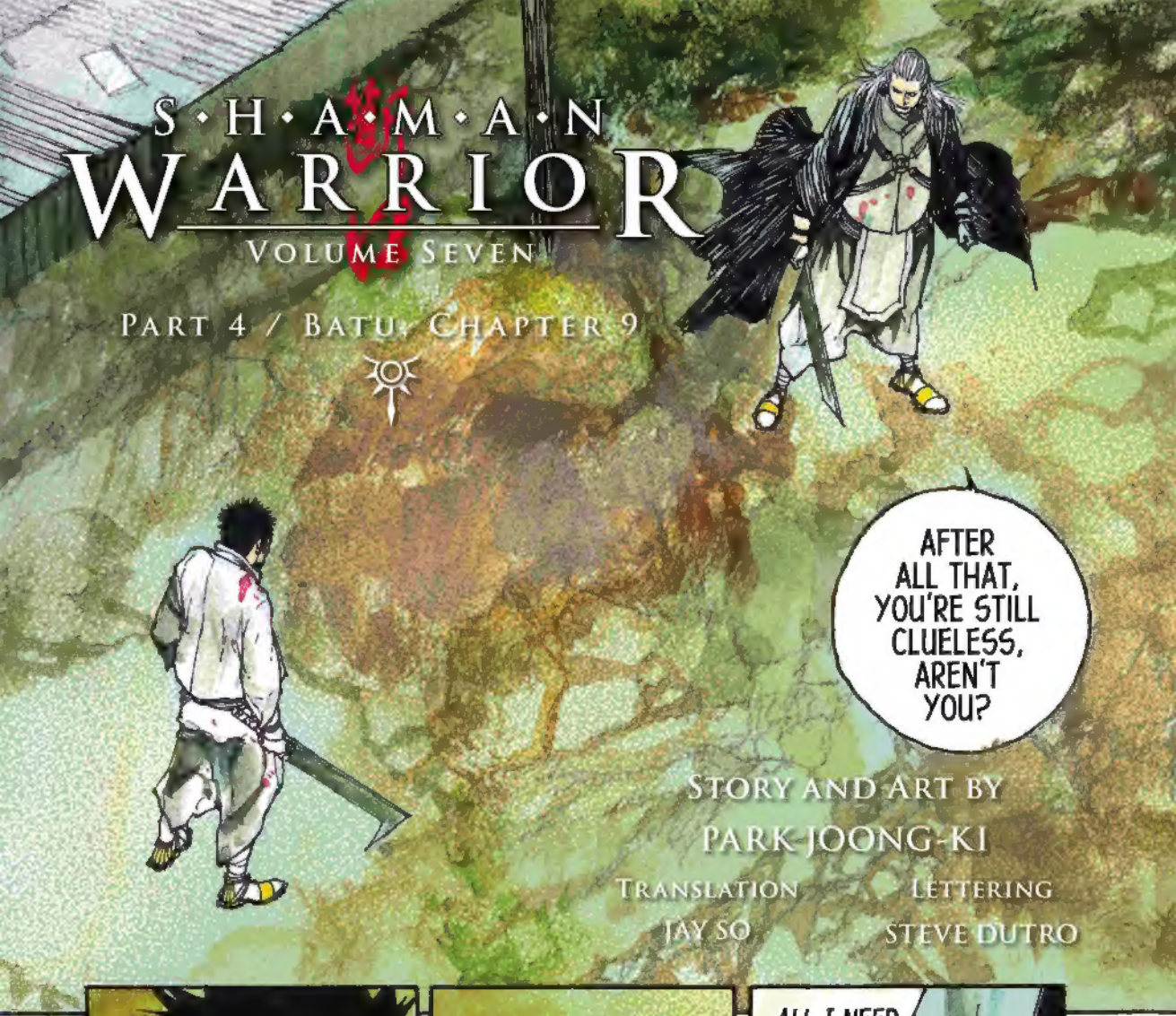

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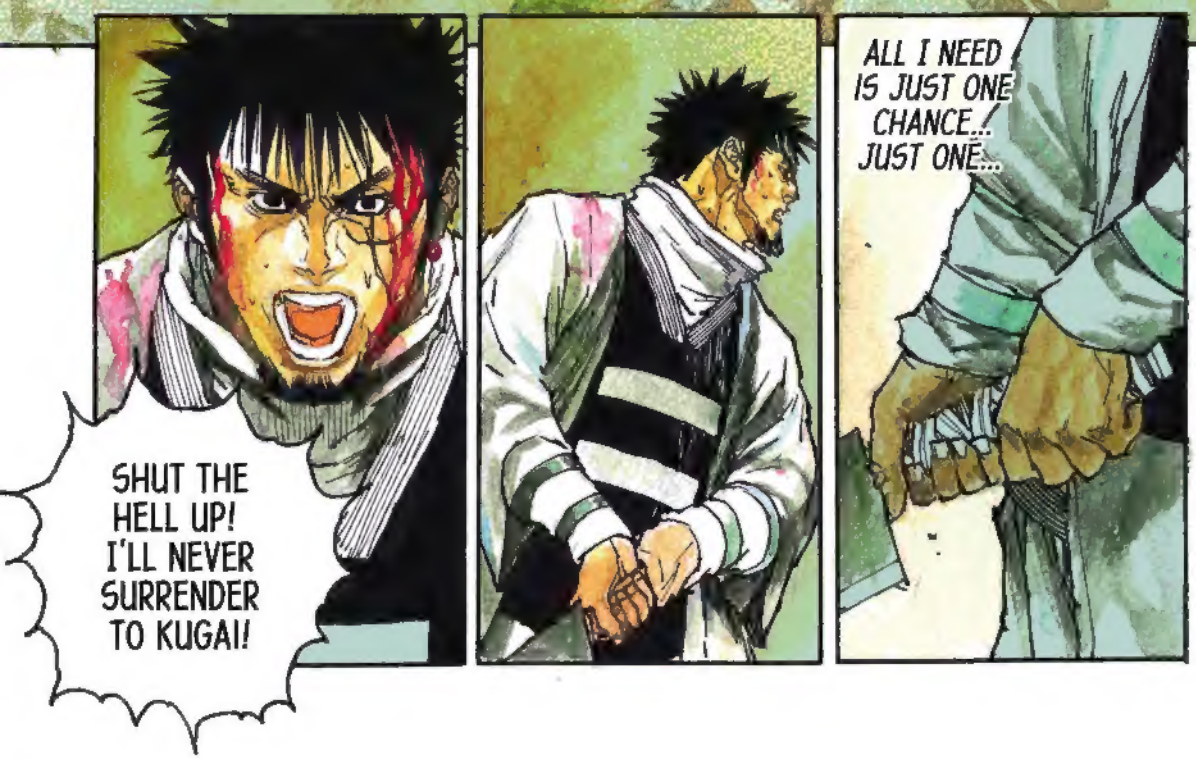


I'LL LOP OFF YOUR HEAD! THEN WE'LL WIN.
KKFFF
HYAAAPP!!
KTINNG
KRING
!

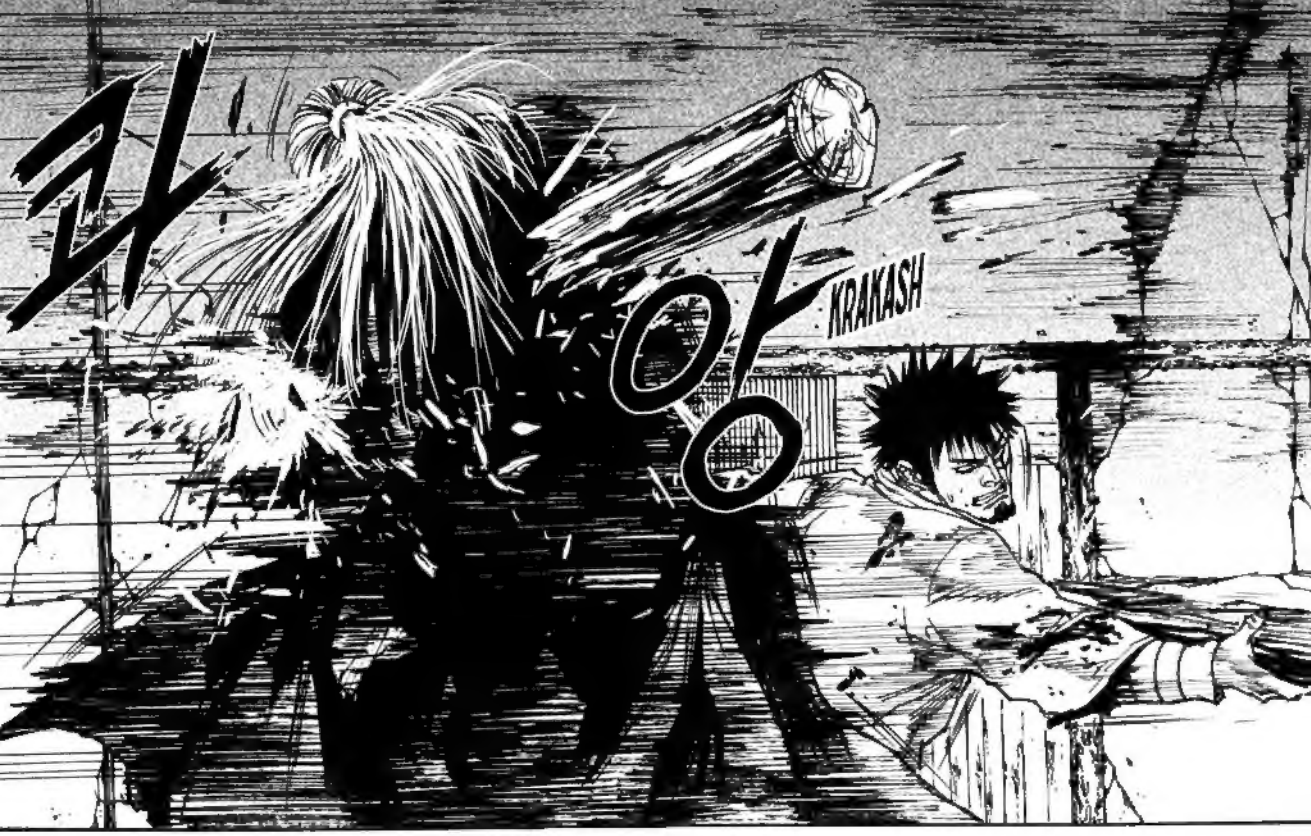
촤
WHOOSH
악
광
TMMP
슉
FWOO
THAK
퀴
HAAAP!
KRAK
퍽

쾅
THMP
CHKK
퍽
KREEE
드드드
콰앙
SKASH

다 TMP
다 TMP
닷 THMP
HRAAH!
촤
아
HRUNNCH
HWKK
촥
RIPPP
드득
HUH?!

채
KCHINNG
드드드
CHNNK
피앗
SPRRT
DAMN! WHY, YOU--!
뻐
KRAKKA
억
촷앗
FWOOSH

KRAKOOM
FWIKK
KANNG
THMP
THMP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KRAKASH

SHWOOO
DIE, BITCH!!

PKK
CHFF
SKITCH
YOUR CIRCUS ACT IS OVER!
ONLY THING LEFT FOR YOU IS A BURNING HELL.
WHKK
YAHHH!

휘익
HWOOSH
!!
콰앙
THNCH

PRETTY GOOD WORK WITH THAT SWORD...
YOU'RE BATU?
휙 SWSH
EVEN KUGAI'S TOP SOLDIERS WOULD FIND YOU HARD TO KILL.
BUT THE TRUTH IS...
...YOU'RE HURT...WORN OUT...
스윽 SHKK

...AND I, YUDA, OF THE KUGAI EMPIRE, WILL END YOUR MISERABLE LIFE.
SHIT.

HEY, YOU'RE NOT *THAT* TIRED, ARE YOU?
I CAN'T BEAT YOU EVEN *ONCE*...?
BATU, YOU SEEM TO DEFEND YOURSELF USING MOSTLY YOUR BODY.
THIS ISN'T JUDO.
NAME OF THE GAME IS...
FWK
...SWORD *FIRST*, AND DON'T BOTHER ASKING QUESTIONS. BEING FIRST IS THE ONLY WAY.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, EH? BUT YOU UNDERSTAND...?
...
POKE
SO... ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC?

WELL, FIRST OFF, LET'S GET YOU THE BIGGEST SWORD YOU CAN HANDLE. YOU'LL SWING THAT BEAST AROUND, AND ANY KNUCKLEHEAD WITH SENSE WILL BACK DOWN.
IT'S MORE LIKELY, THOUGH, THAT THEY'LL ATTACK AS A *TEAM*, SO WE BREAK THEIR WILL AND HIT THE TOP SCUMBAG FROM THE GET-GO.
...
THAT SOUNDS FINE AND DANDY, BUT IF IT DON'T WORK...
C'MON... WHAT DO YOU CARE? YOU COME FROM A LOW CASTE... LIKE ME. FORGET ABOUT YOUR PRIDE.
THE HELL--? ARE YOU MESSING WITH ME?!
...YOU'LL *SCRAM* LIKE A LI'L BITCH.

HEH HEH! PRIDE...?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF.
...WHETHER I LIVE OR DIE.
HRAAH!
YOU SEE, ONCE I GET GOING IN A FIGHT, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN...
TNK
THNK
파밧
TMP
TMP
THMP
다다닷

HAH!
SPTCH
WOOAAK!
THNK
TNK
W-
WHAT
IN THE
HELL?!
STOP
RIGHT
THERE!!
SHWK
THK
BITCH!
HOP
TMMP
TMP
FMP

쏴
HWISH
KUUK!
악
척
THAP
WOOSH
파밧
OVER THERE! SHE'S HEADED TO A DEAD END!
CALL THE OTHERS! QUICK!
하아 HFF!
하아 HFF!

SLK

KRA

KOOOM

!!

SLK

BATU!

SLK

FWHOO

YEEAAA !!

OOSH

OF

파앗
GRIP
슉
SHWOO
팍
THAPP
?!
부
FWOO
AAAH!
웅
OOSH

쾅
KNNCH!
UFF!
털썩
THMMP
WHSH
와
YAKI! OUT OF THE WAY!
SHK
락

KRAK
BATU-- YOU OKAY?!
YAKI! I'VE GOT THIS!!
YOU GO FIND THE GENERAL!
HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR FATHER'S DEATH!
IT'S PAYBACK TIME, YAKI! HURRY!

FWWP
YAAAH!
THMMP

HURRY!
GO!
YAAIIEE!!
EF FMP
EF TMP
EF TMP
OVER HERE!
EF THMP

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HRAA!
FHWWP
THKK
KRAK

YAKI! HE'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU!
NO! YOU'RE TOO HURT!
WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE. THERE'S NO WAY--WE CAN'T GET TO THE GENERAL NOW! KUGAI'S DOGS ARE COMING!
HWIKK
YAKI! WATCH IT!

KAANG
THAK
HKK!
PUNCH

YOU MOTHER-FUCKER!
THAPP
WHKK
KUHKK!
THTCH

WHOO
WHSH
응

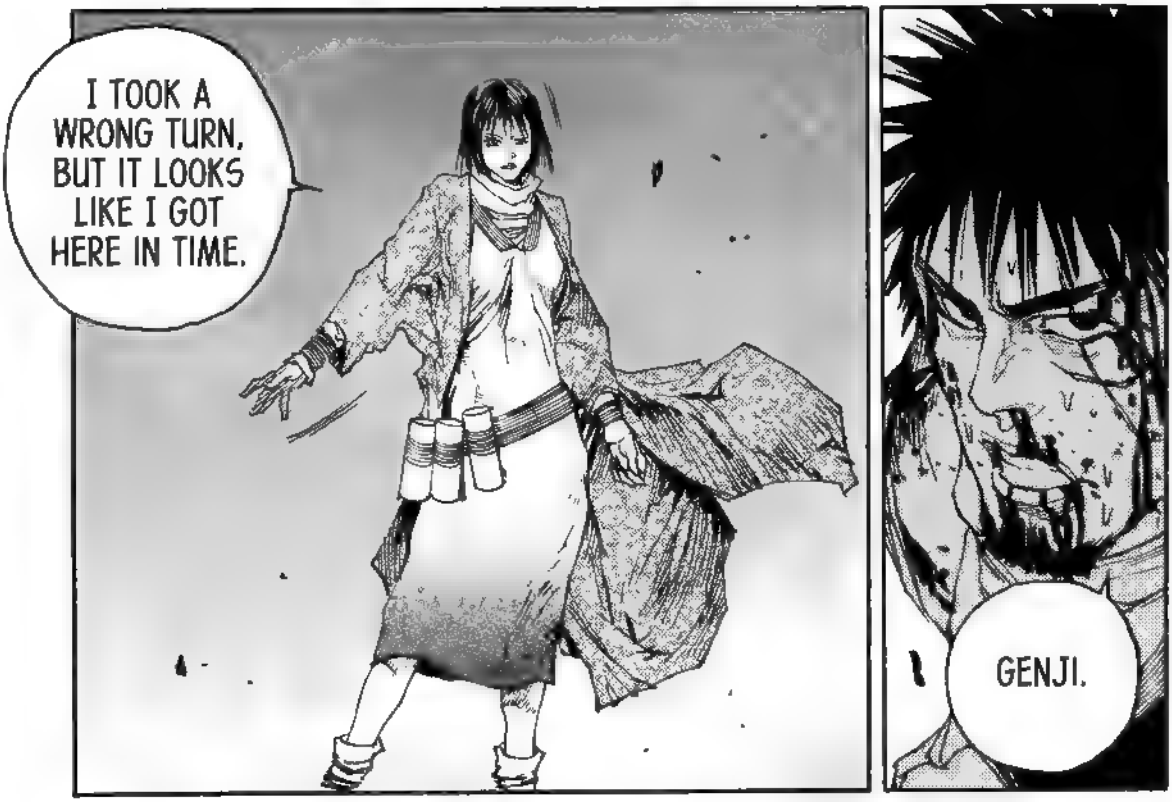
KRAK
끼
KNNCH
아
!

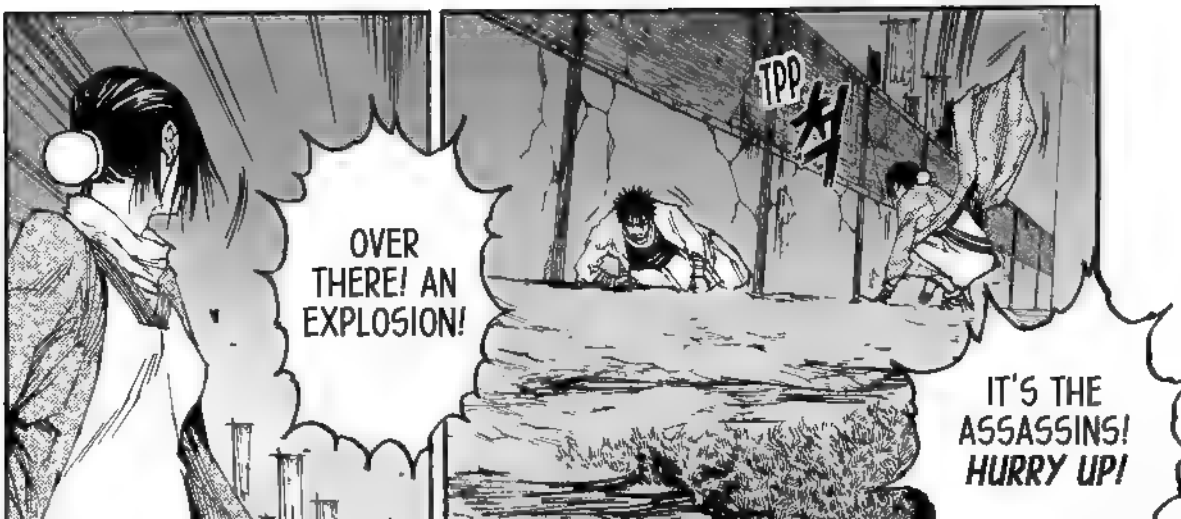
STOP!!
FWISH
KRANNG
WHOO
THAPP

BAMM
NOT BAD FOR A LITTLE WENCH. WAS THAT ENOUGH?!
HERE FOR REVENGE, ARE WE? LOOK AT YOU NOW.
SHWOO
OH

AAH!
THKK
THE FUCK--?
KRAKOOM

SHFF
쿠당탕
HRFF!


I TOOK A WRONG TURN, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE IN TIME.
GENJI.


OVER THERE! AN EXPLOSION!
TPP
IT'S THE ASSASSINS! HURRY UP!

HEY, YOU TWO, CAN'T YOU HEAR THOSE DOGS COMING? LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
BATU!
HOW'D YOU KNOW WE WERE HERE?
WSH
휙
KRAK
끼기
YOU IDIOT! WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?!
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE? YOU BROUGHT YAKI TO THE KUGAI! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR DAMN MIND?!
YOU WANT REVENGE, YOU DO IT *YOURSELF!* WE WENT THROUGH A LOT OF SHIT TO KEEP HER ALIVE.

I CAME HERE ON MY OWN. IT'S NOT BATU'S FAULT!
YOU SHUT THE FUCK UP!
WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE! RIGHT NOW!
THERE!
LET'S GET 'EM!
DAMN...THE WHOLE PLATOON!
KF
SHKK

TAKE THIS, YOU COCK-ROACHES!!

KAKOOM

NYAA!

THOOM

FWOO

TMMP

WATCH OUT! THEY THREW SOMETHING!

WHOA...

YAKI, LET'S GO!

HERE--TAKE THESE!
I MADE THEM MYSELF!
TMD
PULL THE STRING, AND IT'LL BLOW IN A FEW SECONDS. SO WHEN THOSE ROACHES GET CLOSER--KILL 'EM! GOT IT?
DID YOU REALLY MAKE THESE YOURSELF?
YEAH, I CAN DO A THING OR TWO.
LET'S GO!
휘청
STUMBLE

COLLAPSE

BATU! YOU OKAY?!

GET YOUR ASS UP! THIS ISN'T THE TIME!
HE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD! HE GOT STABBED IN THE LEG, TOO!

YEAH, LOOK! ONE OF 'EM BIT THE DUST!
우 THMP 아 TMP 아 TMP 아 TMP
YAAH!
BATU! YOU HANG IN THERE. WE JUST GOTTA MAKE IT TO THE NEXT VILLAGE!
GODDAMN IT! I TOLD YOU TO GO WITHOUT ME!
LOOK AT THESE IMBECILES!
KILL 'EM ALL!

촤악
~CHAK
쾅
KOOM
WATCH OUT!
TH-THAT CRAZY BITCH!
RIGHT THERE! THROW THE SPEARS!
!
다
THAP
다
THAP
다
THAP
다
THMMP
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING?!

쇄
SHWOO
팍
POKK
WOOSH
챙
KRINNG
앳
파
PKK
THK
THUK
DAMN! WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED!
THMP
TROMP
으르르
TROMP

I'LL KILL THESE WANNABE ASSASSINS!!
PTCH
KUUGH!
UAAAH!

YAKI!
BATU!
FWSH
!!
SHUKK
KUHKK!
KRAK
FMP
FMP
FMMP
THPP

FAPP
SLTCH
BATU!
LEAVE ME HERE AND GO WITH GENJI!
HGHKK!
YAKI! BEHIND YOU!

앳
SWOOSH
KRANNG

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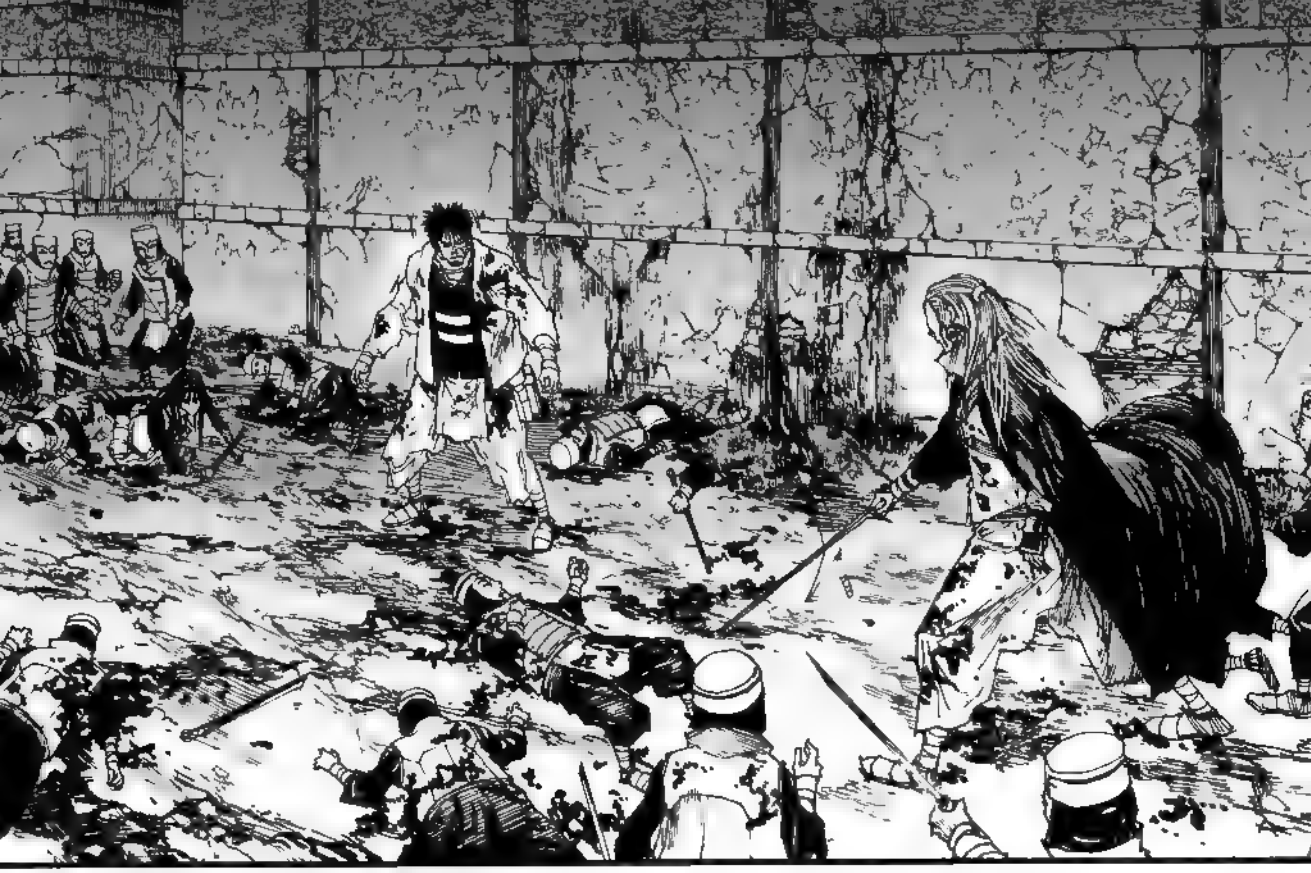


NOW YOU REALLY PISSED ME OFF...

I'M GONNA SKIN YOU ALIVE!

SHUT YOUR RICE HOLE!
GRAB
RIIIIP
HEY!!
TOSS!

GENJI! GET HER!
와
WHHHP
탁

KTINNG
FWIK
DAMN!
HK!
SPTCH
BATU, WHAT IS THIS?!
GO! TAKE YAKI WITH YOU!
WH- WHAT...?!

ALL OF YOU--THIS IS WHERE WE END THINGS.
IT'S ME YOU WANT.
HE TOOK THE BAG OF EXPLOSIVES!
WHAT?!
SLTTCH
THAT STUBBORN IDIOT...
LET ME BRING HIM BACK!
WAIT! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, BATU?!

D-DON'T BE STUPID!
PITCH
KUGHH!

MOVE! GET OUT OF MY WAY!
KCHOK
YAKI-- WAIT! THEY'LL KILL US ALL!
LET GO OF ME!!
CHIKK
WHY... YOU...
DON'T GET IN MY WAY.

HFF!
IF I CAN'T GET TO THE GENERAL...
HE'LL HAVE TO DO...
FTCH
YAAIEE!
FMP
FMP
FMP
FMMP

HWOOO
YEAH...THIS SHOULD WORK!
HRAAH!!
FNSH
UH

SLIT

THEY'LL PARDON ME FOR MY ACTIONS!

CHIKK

OK

!

GRAB

와락

NOOO! BATU!

KRAK

THOK

STOP! STOP HER!

TUG
FEELING HEROIC, ARE WE?!
WSHUKK
SLITCH
KUUHK !!

IF THIS IS OUR FATE...
THWAKK
CLENCH
BATU-- PLEASE! STOP!

YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN!

KRAA

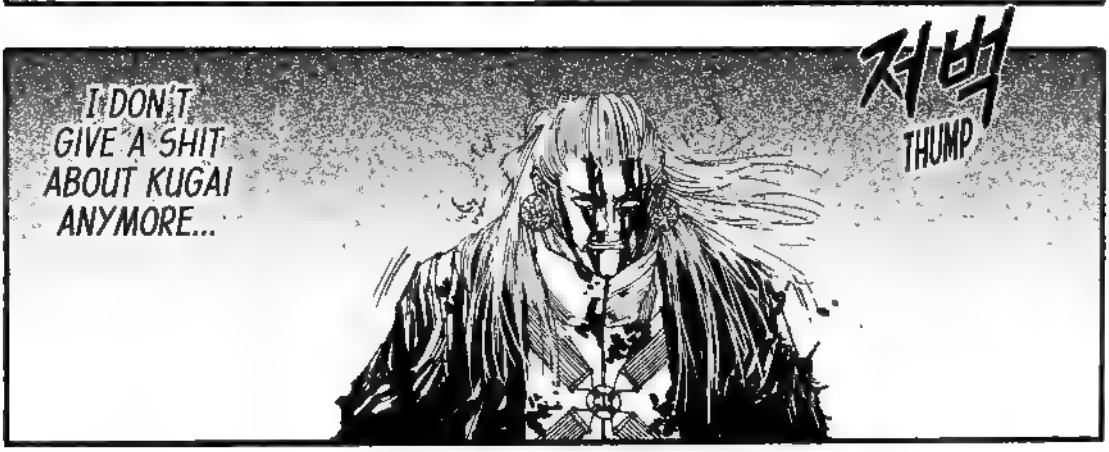
KOOOMM

HRRGGG!
KUUU...
하아 HFF!
하아 HFF!
하아 HFF!

KSHFF
스윽
SHUFF
슥
BA...
TU...?
SPURRT
투
PLITCH
두둑

하아
HFF!
하아
HFF!
I...
HFF!
하아

THUMP 저벅


I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT KUGAI ANYMORE...
저벅 THUMP

I'VE HEARD THEIR CHIEF COMMANDER OR GENERAL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FATHER'S DEATH... BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW FOR SURE...

I NEVER KNEW THE TRUTH!

HRRARRRGH!

단구

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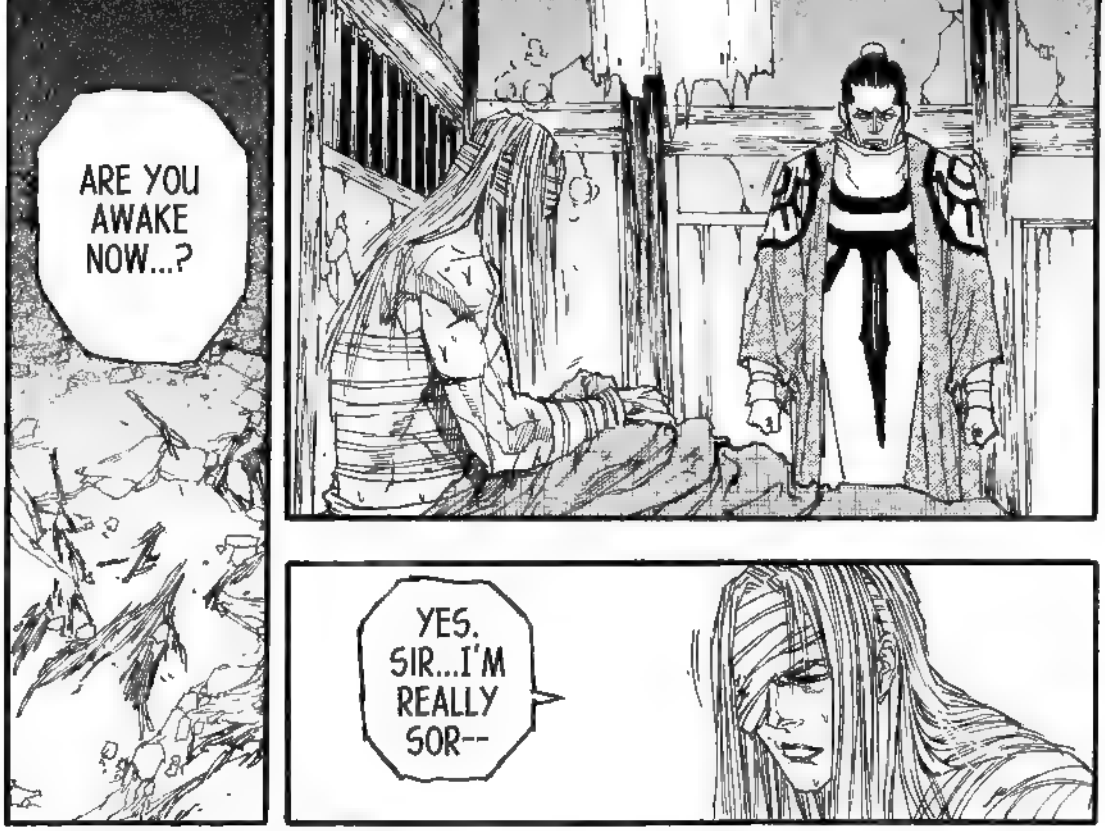
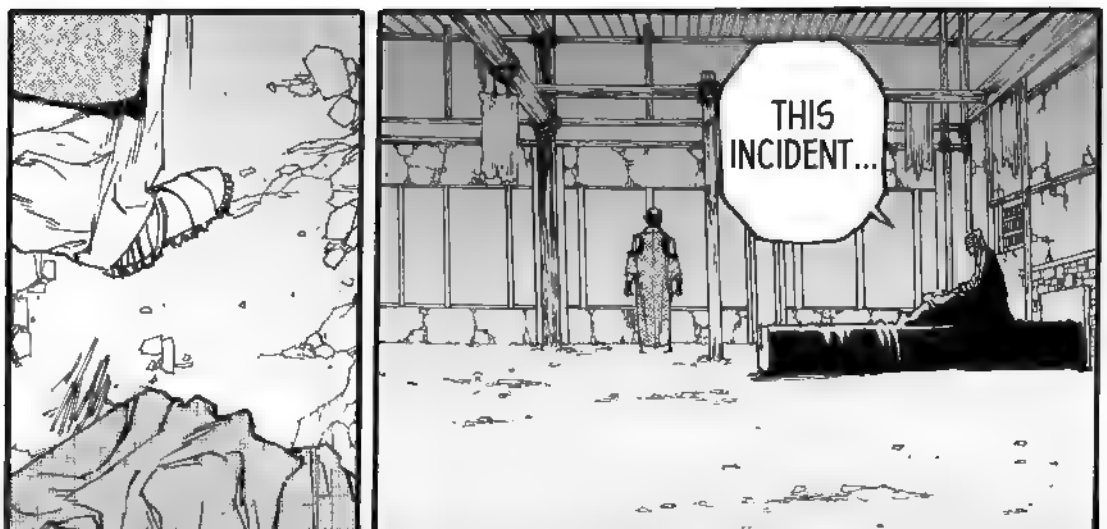
FWOOO
SHHUNK
아!

허억 HAAH!
HAAH! 허억

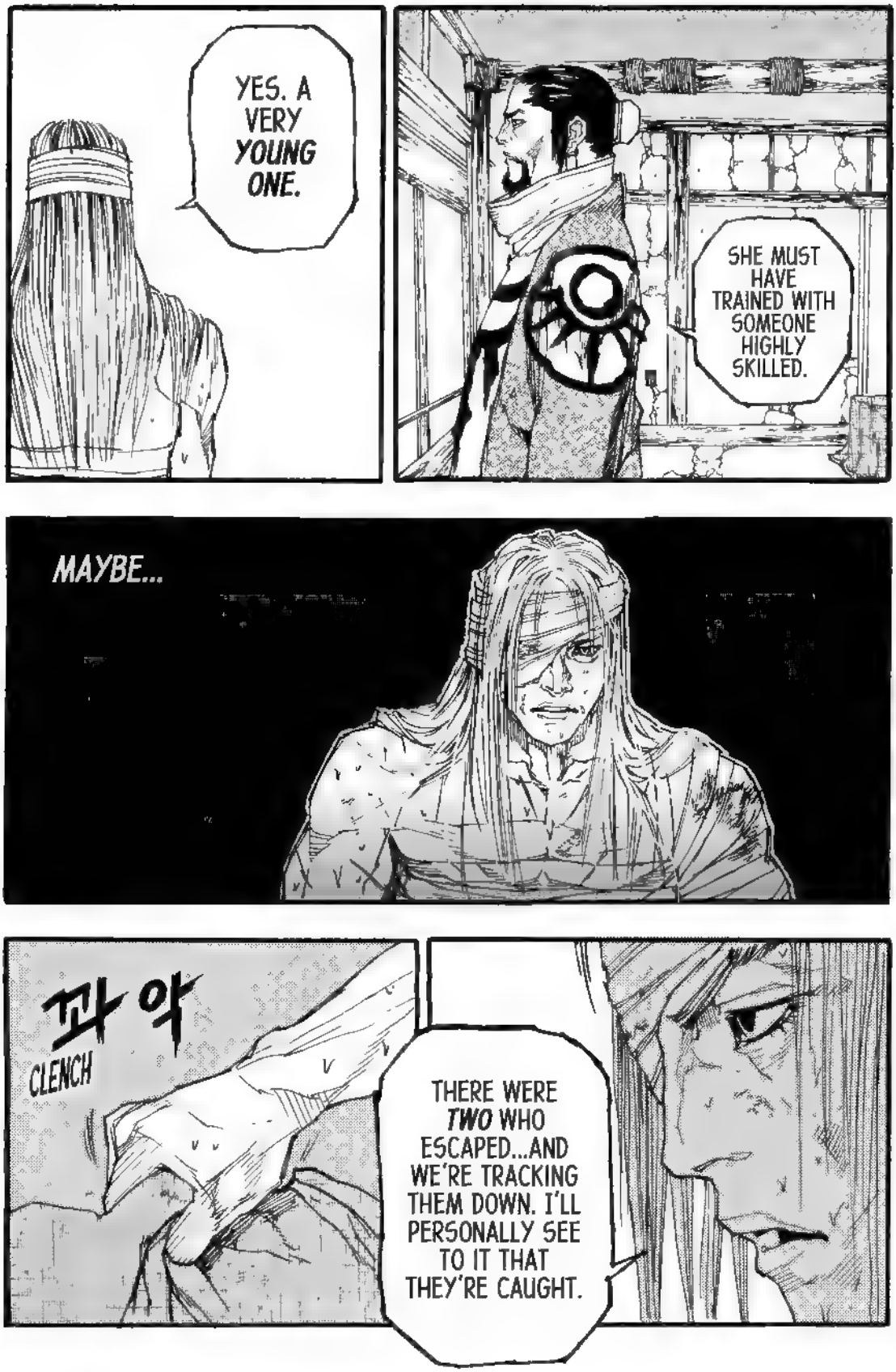

ARE YOU AWAKE NOW...?

YES. SIR...I'M REALLY SOR--

YOU WENT THROUGH HELL. JUST RELAX.

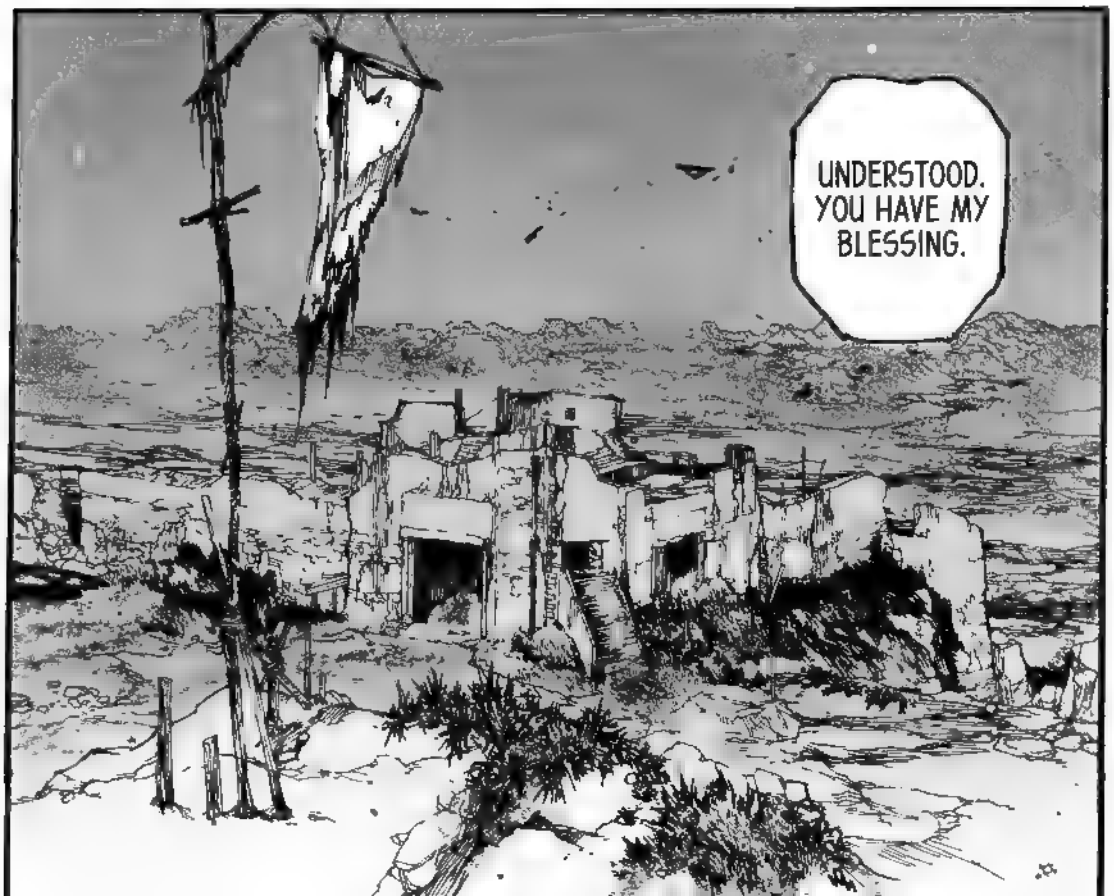

THIS INCIDENT...

...CALLS FOR MY DEATH...
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING...IN A BATTLE, ONE WAY TO KEEP YOUR HONOR IS TO NEVER SURRENDER UNTIL YOU JOIN THE DEAD.
IT'S NOT YOUR TIME YET.
IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WAS A FEMALE SHAMAN?

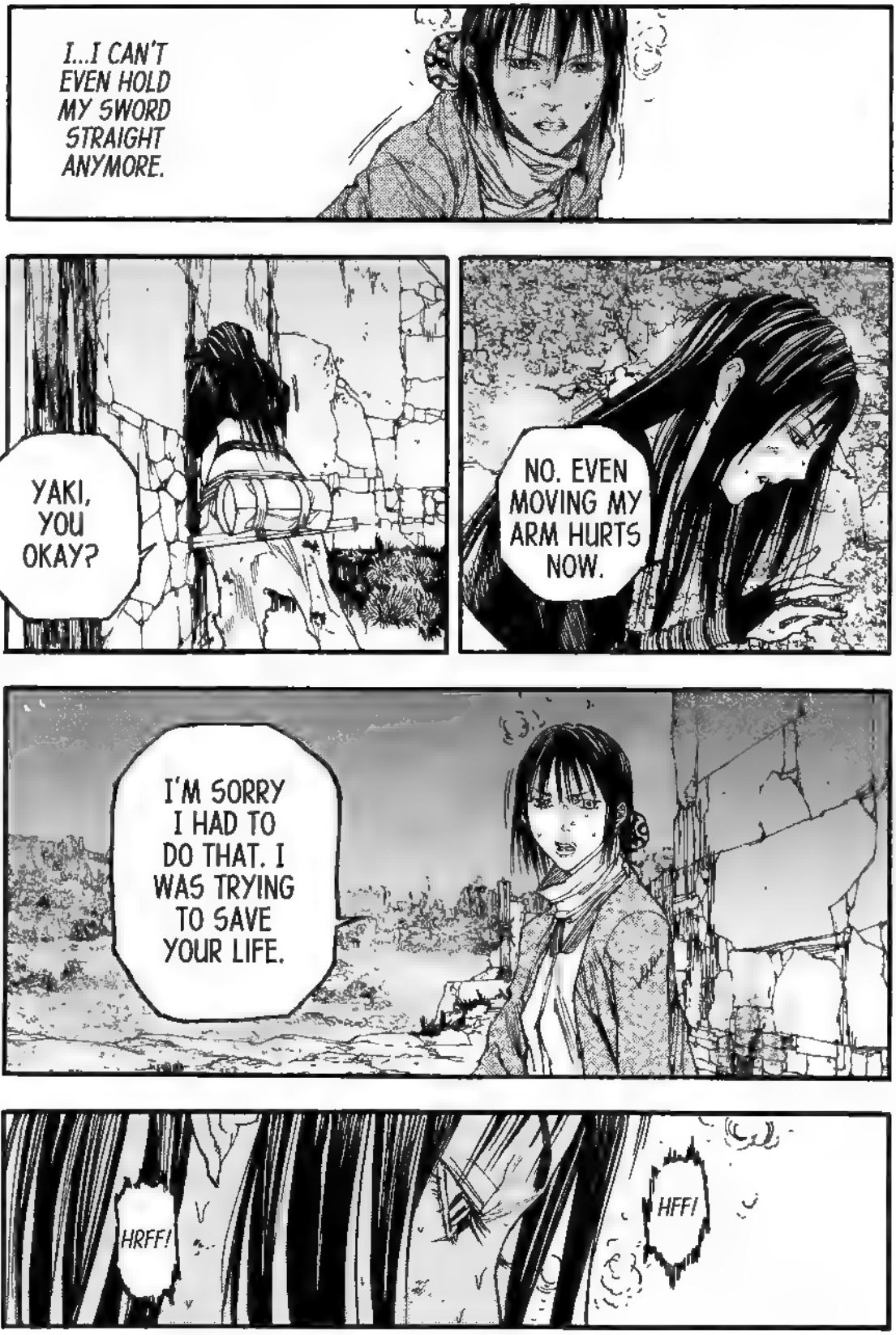

YES. A VERY *YOUNG ONE.*
SHE MUST HAVE TRAINED WITH SOMEONE HIGHLY SKILLED.
MAYBE...
꽈 악
CLENCH
THERE WERE *TWO* WHO ESCAPED...AND WE'RE TRACKING THEM DOWN. I'LL PERSONALLY SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE CAUGHT.

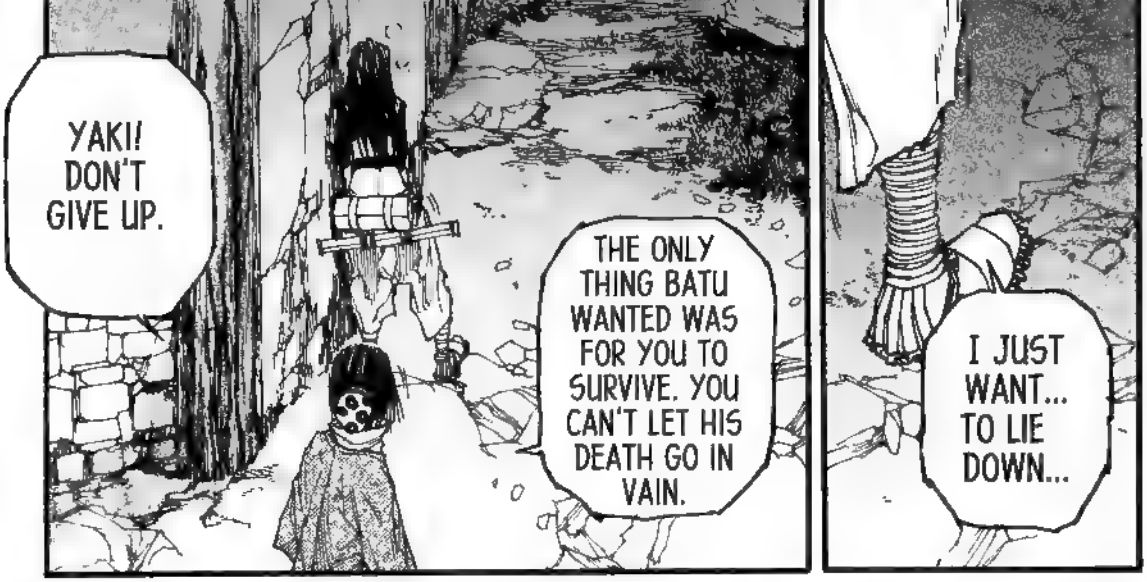
THEY...
...ARE LIKE STARVING WOLVES, AND THEY WILL COME BACK TO CLAIM THEIR PREY.
WE CAN'T GET COMPLACENT. WE MUST MOVE.
I KNOW SOME *SPECIALISTS* FOR THIS KIND OF JOB. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO FINISH THIS.
I'M IMPRESSED BY YOUR ENTHUSIASM, BUT IN YOUR CONDITION, CAN YOU HANDLE SUCH A TASK?

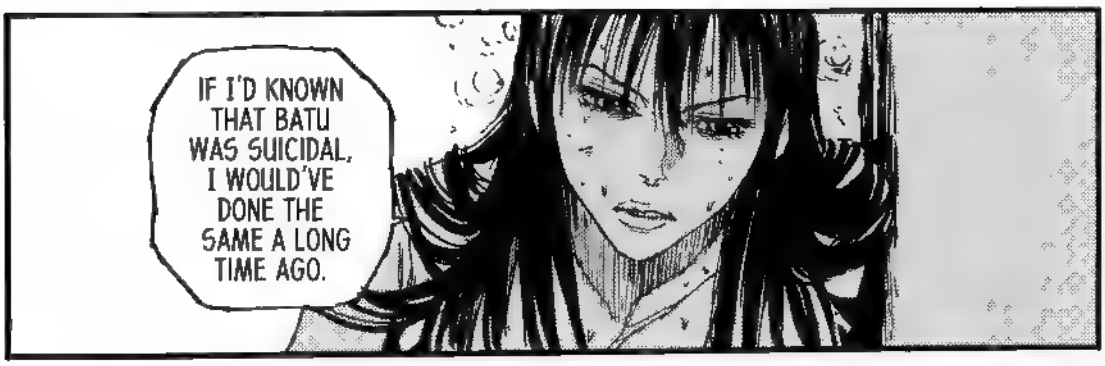
I LOST AN ARM AND AN EYE BECAUSE OF THEM. I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE.

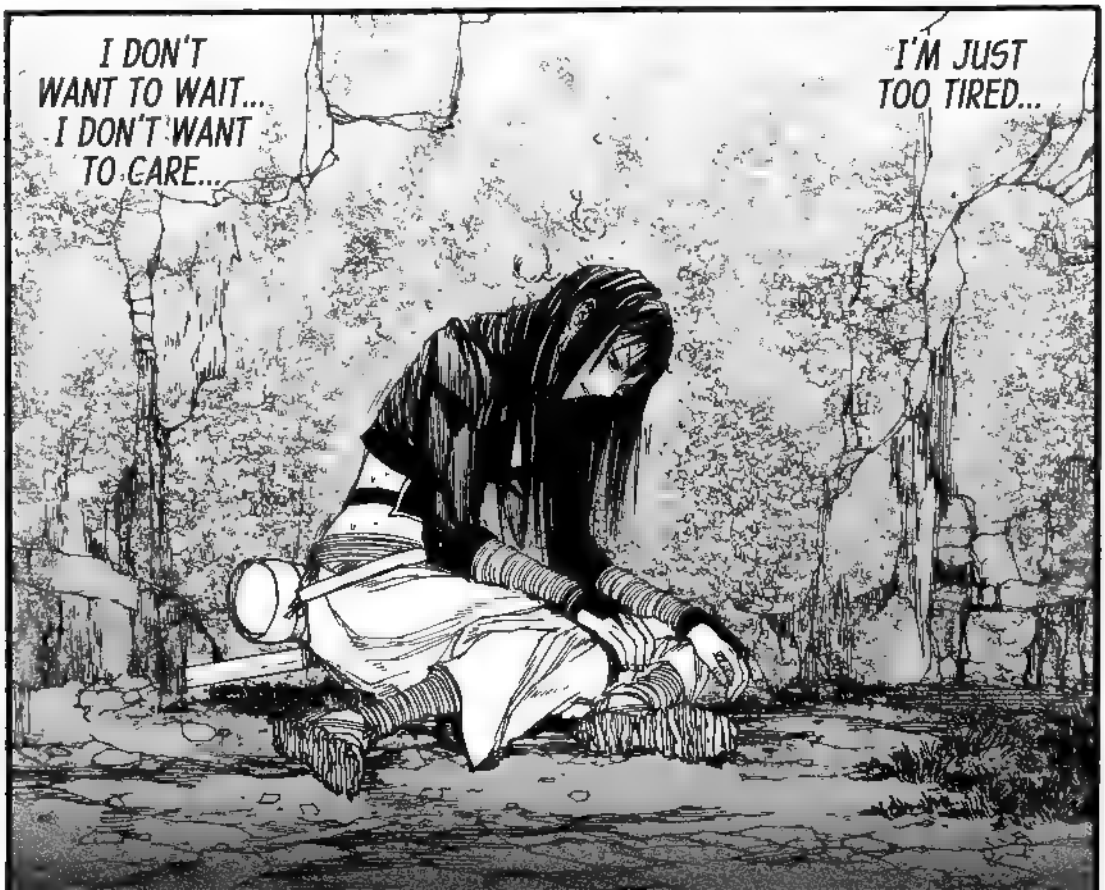

UNDERSTOOD. YOU HAVE MY BLESSING.

YEAH... BITCH IS GETTING TIRED NOW...


I...I CAN'T EVEN HOLD MY SWORD STRAIGHT ANYMORE.
YAKI, YOU OKAY?
NO. EVEN MOVING MY ARM HURTS NOW.
I'M SORRY I HAD TO DO THAT. I WAS TRYING TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.
HRFF!
HFF!


YAKI! DON'T GIVE UP.
THE ONLY THING BATU WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO SURVIVE. YOU CAN'T LET HIS DEATH GO IN VAIN.
I JUST WANT... TO LIE DOWN...


IF I'D KNOWN THAT BATU WAS SUICIDAL, I WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME A LONG TIME AGO.


I DON'T WANT TO WAIT... I DON'T WANT TO CARE...
I'M JUST TOO TIRED...

FWAPP
타
FAPP
다
FAPP
닷
YAKI! WATCH IT!!
HE WAS EVERYTHING TO ME...I WANTED TO BEAR HIS CHILD...
끼
KRRITCH
벅

...AND I WAS THINKING OF HER AS MY OWN DAUGHTER...

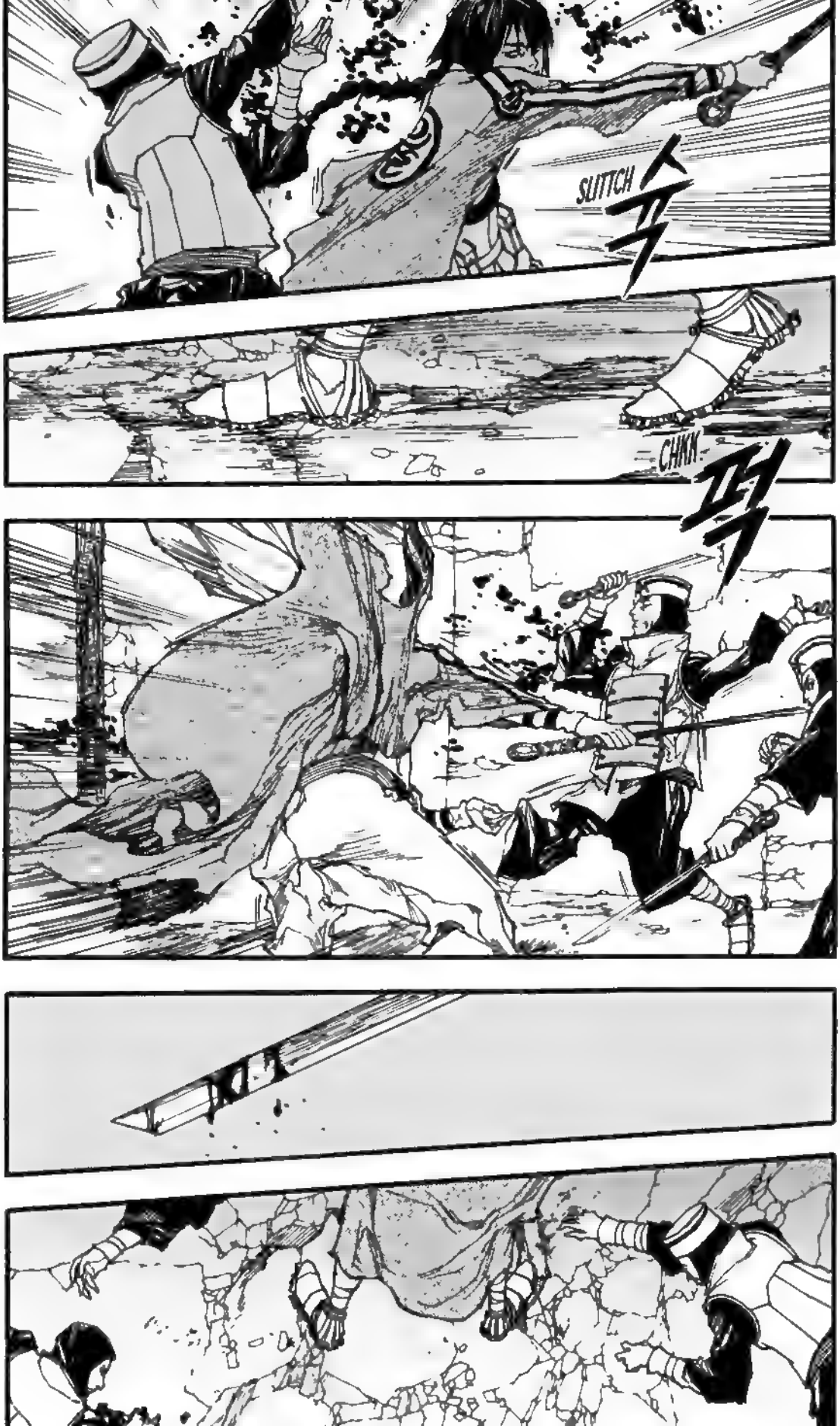
NO MATTER WHAT, SHE HAS TO SURVIVE.

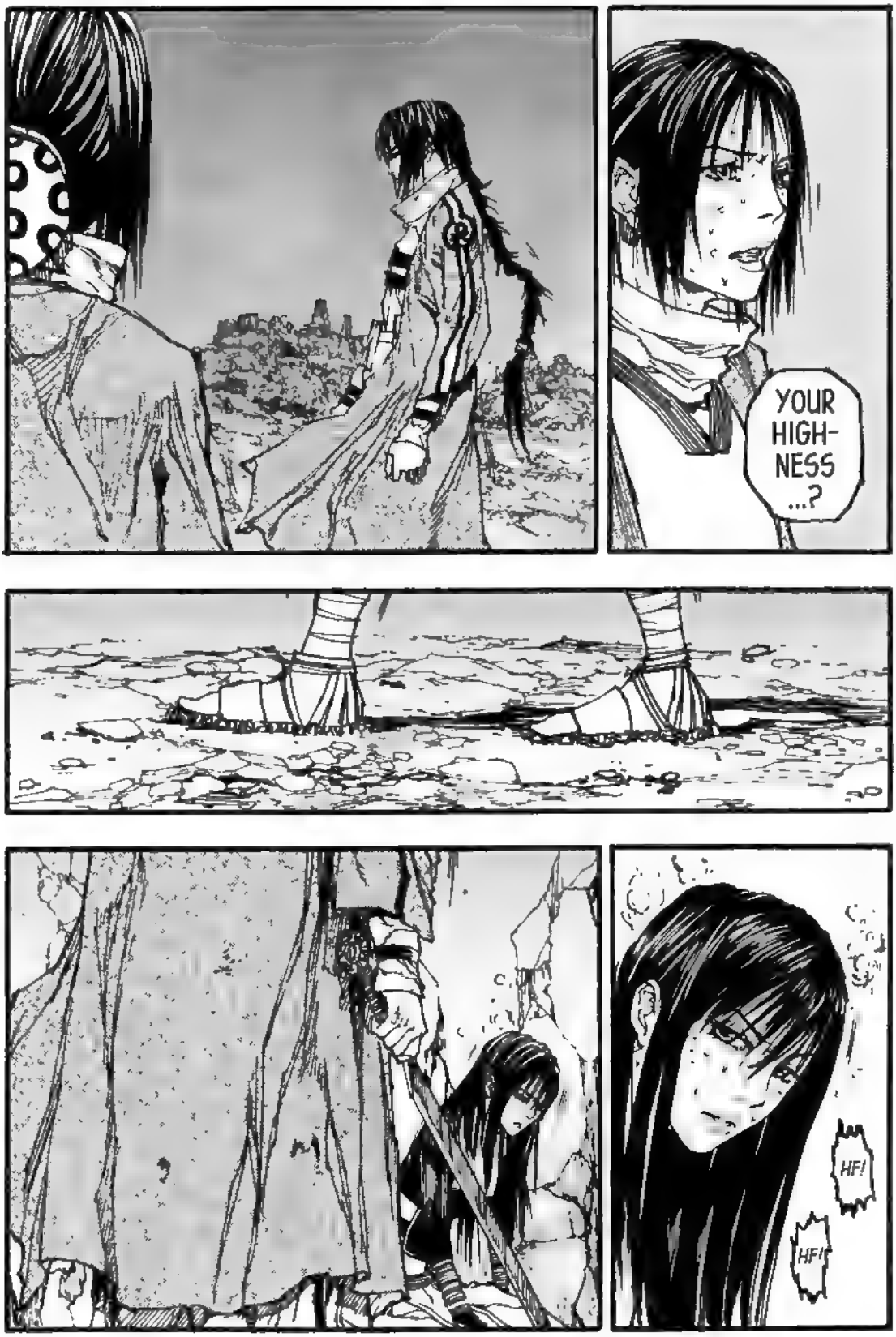
FWOOSH
휙

YOU HAVE TO--

INCHOK
콱
THMMP
툭
!
SHWIKK
촤아악

HWISH
슉
콰
KACHOKK
앗
WCHUKK
촤

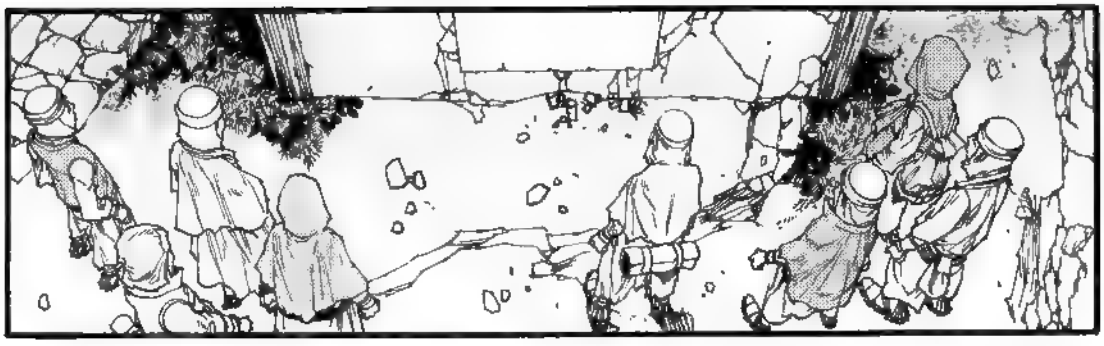

SLITTCH
슈
CHKK
퍽

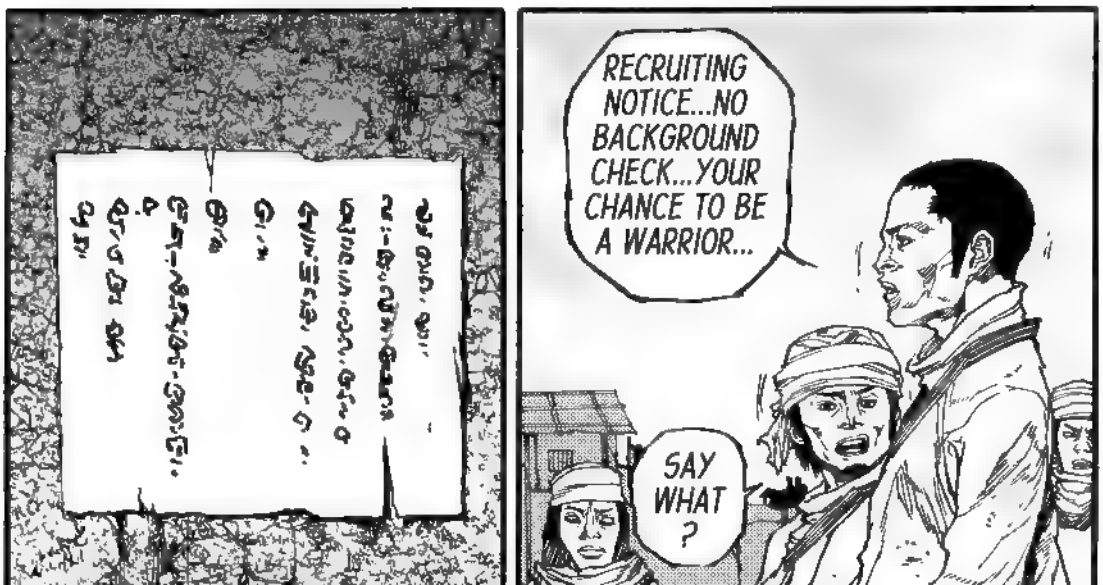

YOUR HIGH-NESS ...?
HF!
HF!

...WHO TAKES CARE OF THE BRAVE ONES...?

WHEN I RETURNED TO THE DESERT...I WANTED TO CALL HIM "DAD" AT FIRST...

KUGAI HEAD-QUARTERS ...




RECRUITING NOTICE...NO BACKGROUND CHECK...YOUR CHANCE TO BE A WARRIOR...
SAY WHAT ?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY OUT?
DUNNO IF I'D QUALIFY...
THEY'RE DANGLING THE "WARRIOR" THING...MORE THAN LIKELY, IT'S BOUNTY HUNTING FOR SHAMANS, DON'T YOU THINK?
WORD IS, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOME SHAMAN WARRIORS WHO KILLED A WHOLE *PLATOON* OF KUGAI SOLDIERS NEAR THE BORDER.
WAS THAT FOR REAL?
WHAT IS THIS SMELL?
SNFF
SNFF
THAT'S REALLY FOUL...
NO SHIT.
DAMN! WHAT THE--?
SHIT! THIS DUDE'S BIG AS A FUCKIN' ELEPHANT!

I REMEMBER HIM...HE WAS A SHAMAN.
OPEN SEASON... FOR SHAMANS...

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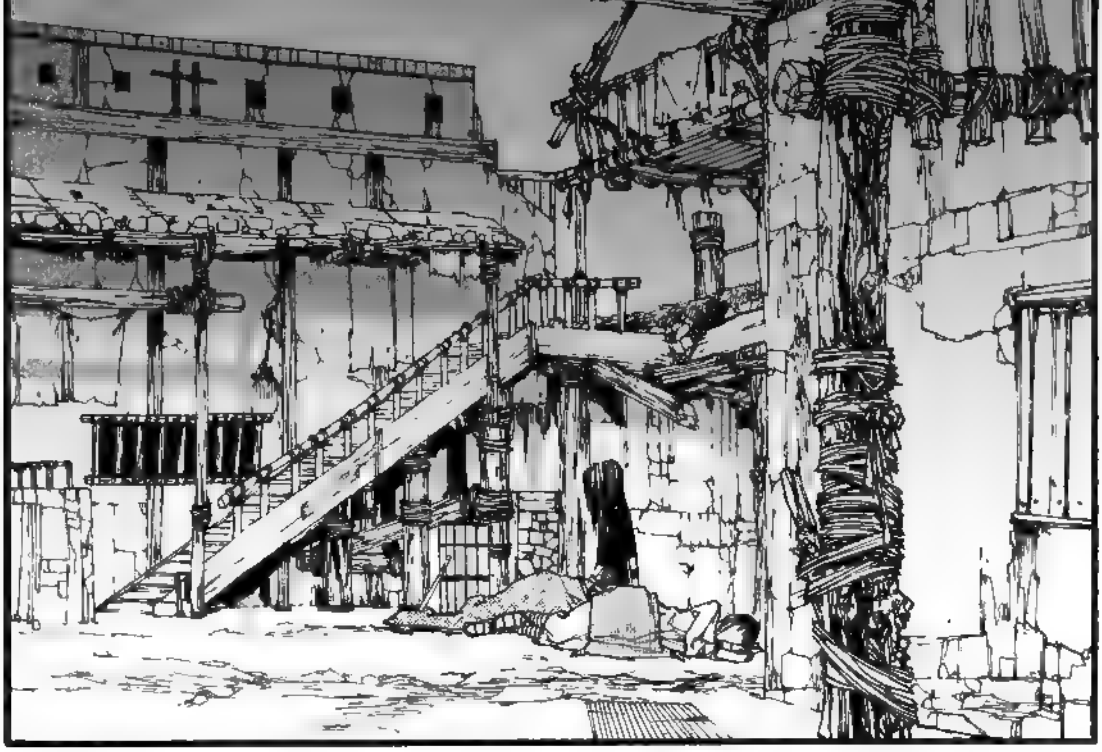
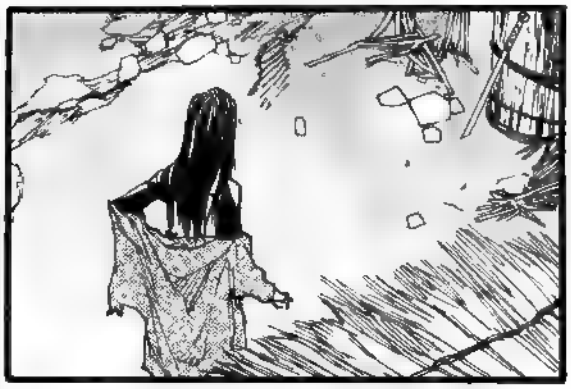
KUGAI HEAD-QUARTERS ...
HEY, YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?
WHO?
HUH?
IS THAT... WAS HE THE ONE WHO STARTED THAT BULLSHIT DRAMA WHEN WE WERE IN BOOTCAMP?
CAN'T TELL... HMMM...

WAIT! THAT RAGGEDY ASS DOES LOOK LIKE HIM, DON'T HE?
I'M NOT SURE. HE WOULDN'T HAVE THE BALLS TO COME HERE. I THINK THIS DUDE HERE'S JUST ANOTHER SQUIRREL TRYING TO GET A NUT.
YEAH, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU KNOW WHAT, THOUGH? I WANNA PICK ON HIM *ANYWAY*.
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S SITTING THERE.
KHEH HEH HEH HEH!

SWSH
스윽
HAHH...





THAT SWORD DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, YAKI.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH IT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SUICIDE'S AN EASY ANSWER...
...OR...
...YOU COULD RETREAT AND REGROUP...THEN REALLY THINK ABOUT YOUR NEXT MOVE.
I'M WITH THE *LATTER.*

EVEN I HAVE SOMEONE WHO CARES FOR ME... OTHERS TO PROTECT.
THEY DON'T DESERVE THE PAIN I FEEL IN MY HEART NOW.
TP
I'M SORRY FOR BEING INSENSITIVE... FORGIVE ME.

I'M GOING BACK TO MARUCHETTE. THERE'S SOME... UNSETTLED BUSINESS I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF.
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
WILL YOU HIRE ME FOR THE JOB?
IT'S A CONDITION NOT SUITED FOR MAJOR BATTLES.
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR *CONDITION.*

I NEED MONEY.
I, TOO, HAVE SOME UNSETTLED BUSINESS IN THAT NECK OF THE WOODS.

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.

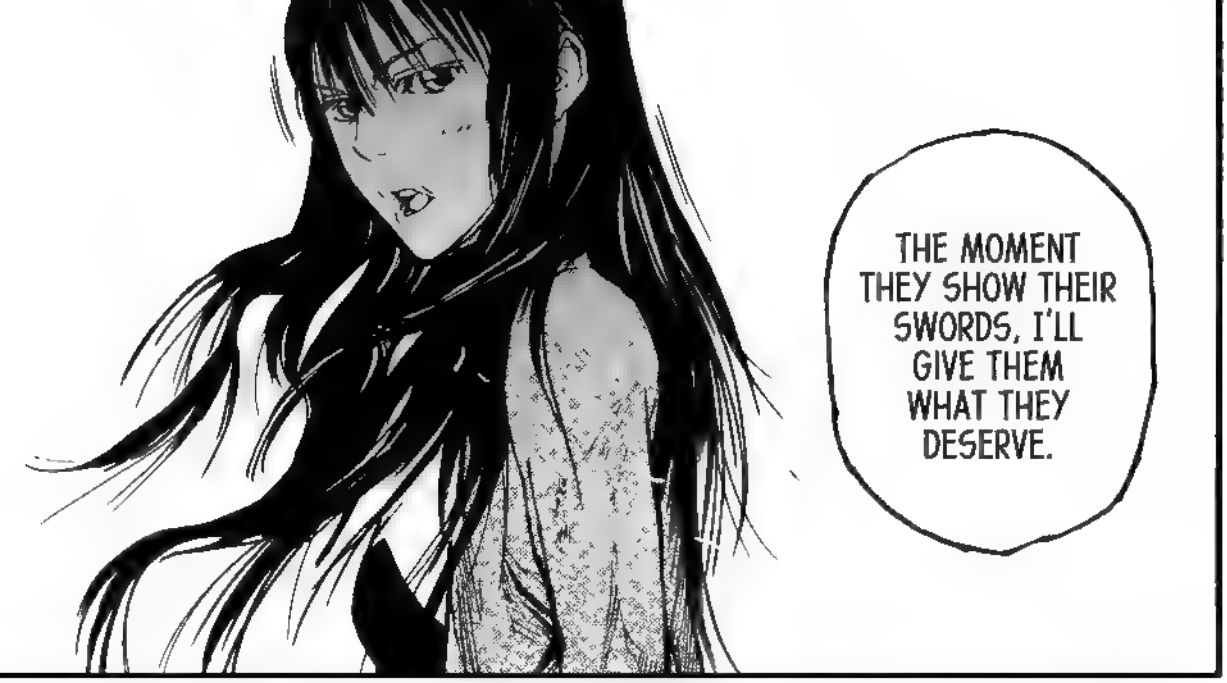
I SPENT WAY TOO MUCH MONEY--WENT THROUGH TOO MUCH BULLSHIT-- TO RAISE YOU.

I'LL HANDLE MY OWN BUSINESS FROM NOW ON.
YAKI! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I HAD TO DO TO KEEP YOU ALIVE?

I DIDN'T FORGET. I OWE YOU.
SO *CAN* THE SMALL TALK!
WAIT A SECOND.
I HAVE A PLAN TO MAKE YOU INTO A PRESENTABLE LADY...A NORMAL PERSON.
WHAT ABOUT THE POWER OF THE GHOST?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "POWER OF THE GHOST"...!

THAT'S ONE OF KUGAI'S INFAMOUS LIES.
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FALLING FOR THE SAME LINE FOR DECADES. YOUR FATHER AND I ARE NO EXCEPTION...
THAT'S HOW THEY'VE STAYED IN POWER FOR SO LONG, AND THEY WON'T HESITATE TO KILL ANYONE WHO DEFIES THEIR RULE.
THEIR BOUNTY HUNTERS WON'T STOP UNTIL THEY GET YOU. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HIDE?
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HIDING.

SO YOU WANNA FIGHT WITH 'EM FOR *LIFE?* THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
THE ODDS ARE STACKED SO HIGH AGAINST YOU-- DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
WE'RE ALL GONNA GO SOONER OR LATER...
SO WHO CARES...
I'LL TAKE AS MANY OF THEM WITH ME AS POSSIBLE.


THE MOMENT THEY SHOW THEIR SWORDS, I'LL GIVE THEM WHAT THEY DESERVE.

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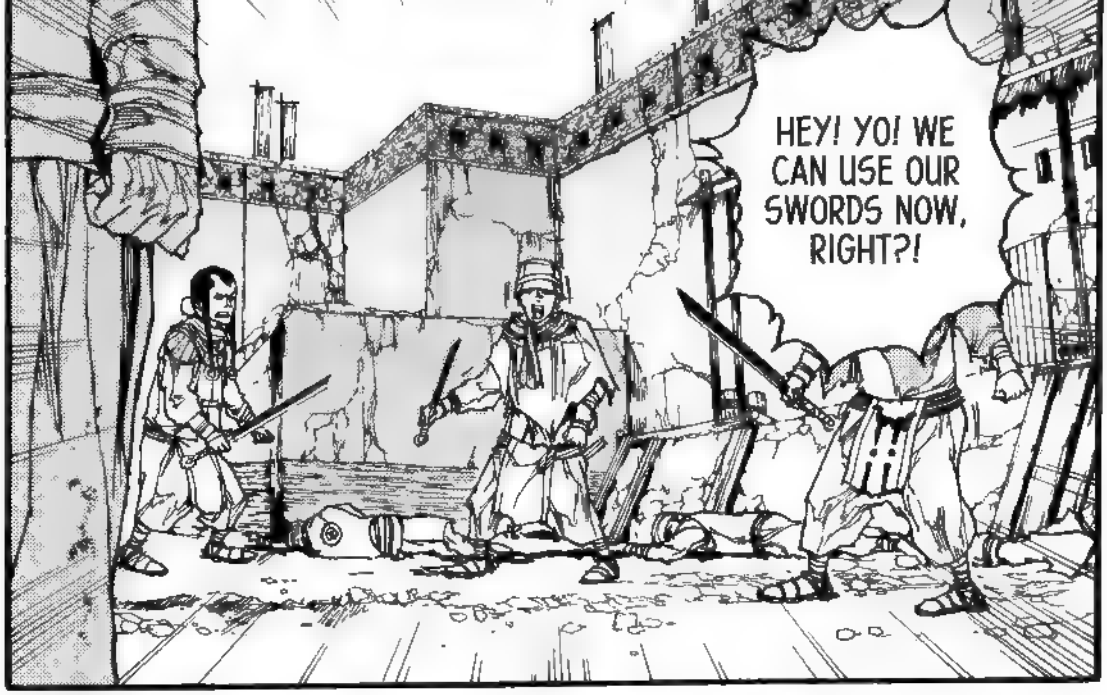
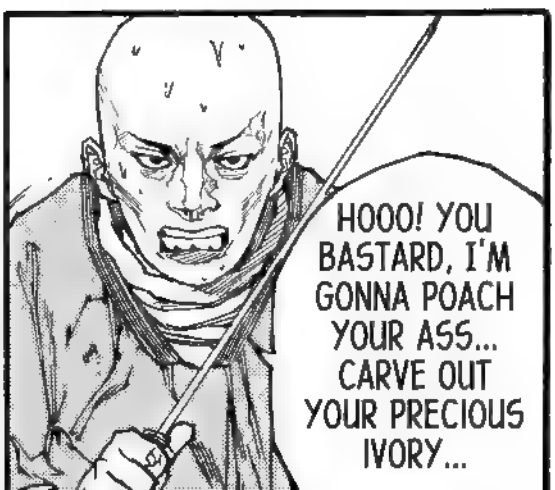
THE HELL--?! WHAT KINDA SHIT IS THIS?!


HEY! YO! WE CAN USE OUR SWORDS NOW, RIGHT?!

SURE, WHY NOT. NOW REMEMBER, SHAMANS HAVE *TEETH* THAT ARE AS SHARP AS YOUR SWORDS.
WSH

DAMN! WE SHOULD'VE STARTED WITH OUR SWORDS!

WHAT YOU THINK O' THIS?!
FINISH OFF THAT BIG DUMBO!


HOOO! YOU BASTARD, I'M GONNA POACH YOUR ASS... CARVE OUT YOUR PRECIOUS IVORY...

WE'RE USING SWORDS NOW, RIGHT?

SCCWK
스으윽

I'M GONNA PUT SOME PAIN ON THAT STUPID FACE OF YOURS!
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SHKK
WOOSH
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YIIIAPP!
TP TMP THMP
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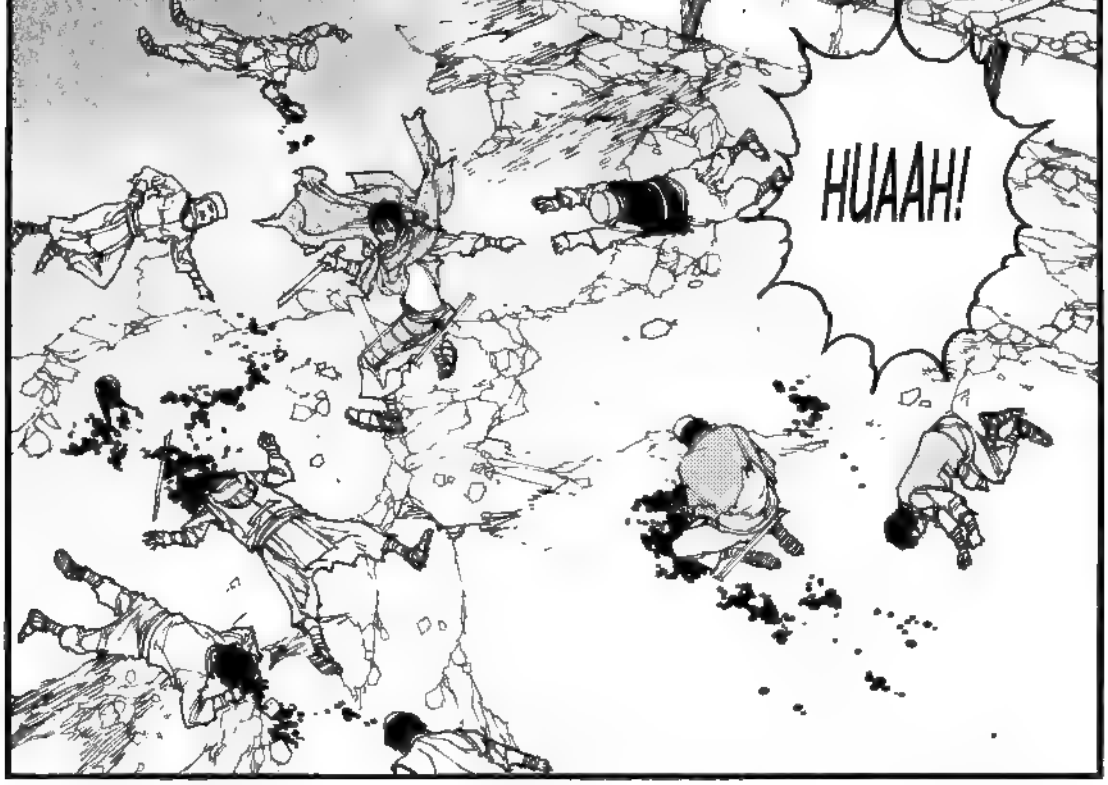
HUAAH!

HMM...
NOT BAD...

KGKK!

W-WAIT! YOU WIN!
I LOST! HEY-- DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?! WE USED TO HANG AT BUTCHER'S CAMP BACK IN THE DAY!!
Y-YOU KNOW...?! WE WENT THROUGH HELL AND BACK!
R-REMEMBER?! I ALWAYS THOUGHT--
--YOU WERE--
CHUKK
WOOSHH
OK OK

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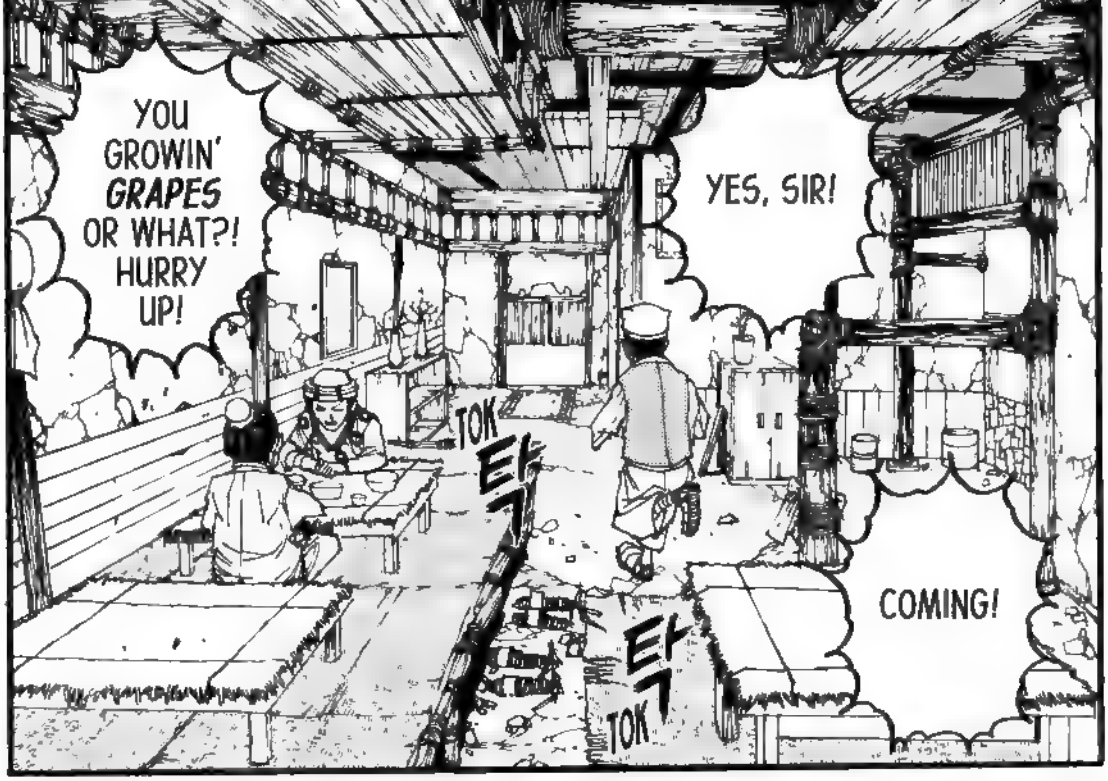
SHNNK
NO, I DON'T REMEMBER...

INTERESTING. SO WHY DO YOU WANNA BE A BOUNTY HUNTER?

I WANT A SHAMAN'S HEAD.

HOW ARE THE WOUNDED?
THEY'LL RECOVER, SIR.
BUNCH OF FOOLS...CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE ANYONE...
PERHAPS WE CAN TRY SOMETHING TONIGHT...
THINGS ARE *FINE* FOR NOW. ALL WORK AND NO PLAY CAN DRIVE ANYONE CRAZY.
BESIDES...AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME, WE SHOULDN'T *RUSH.*
I UNDER-STAND.

PLAN B!
SO...THE MANUTU CLAN WANTS TO PLAY GAMES...
BRING ME SOME MORE WINE!
YES! YES!


YOU GROWIN' *GRAPES* OR WHAT?! HURRY UP!
YES, SIR!
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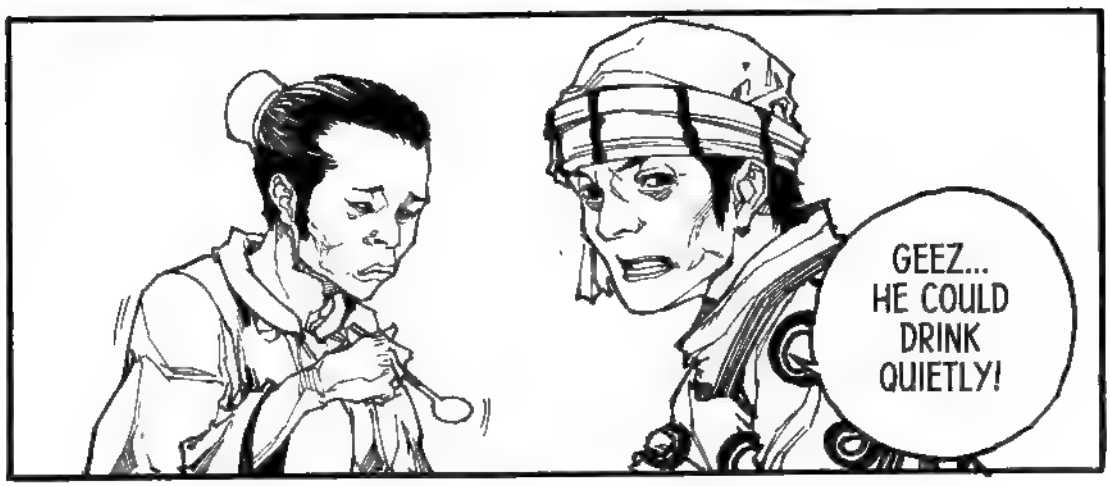
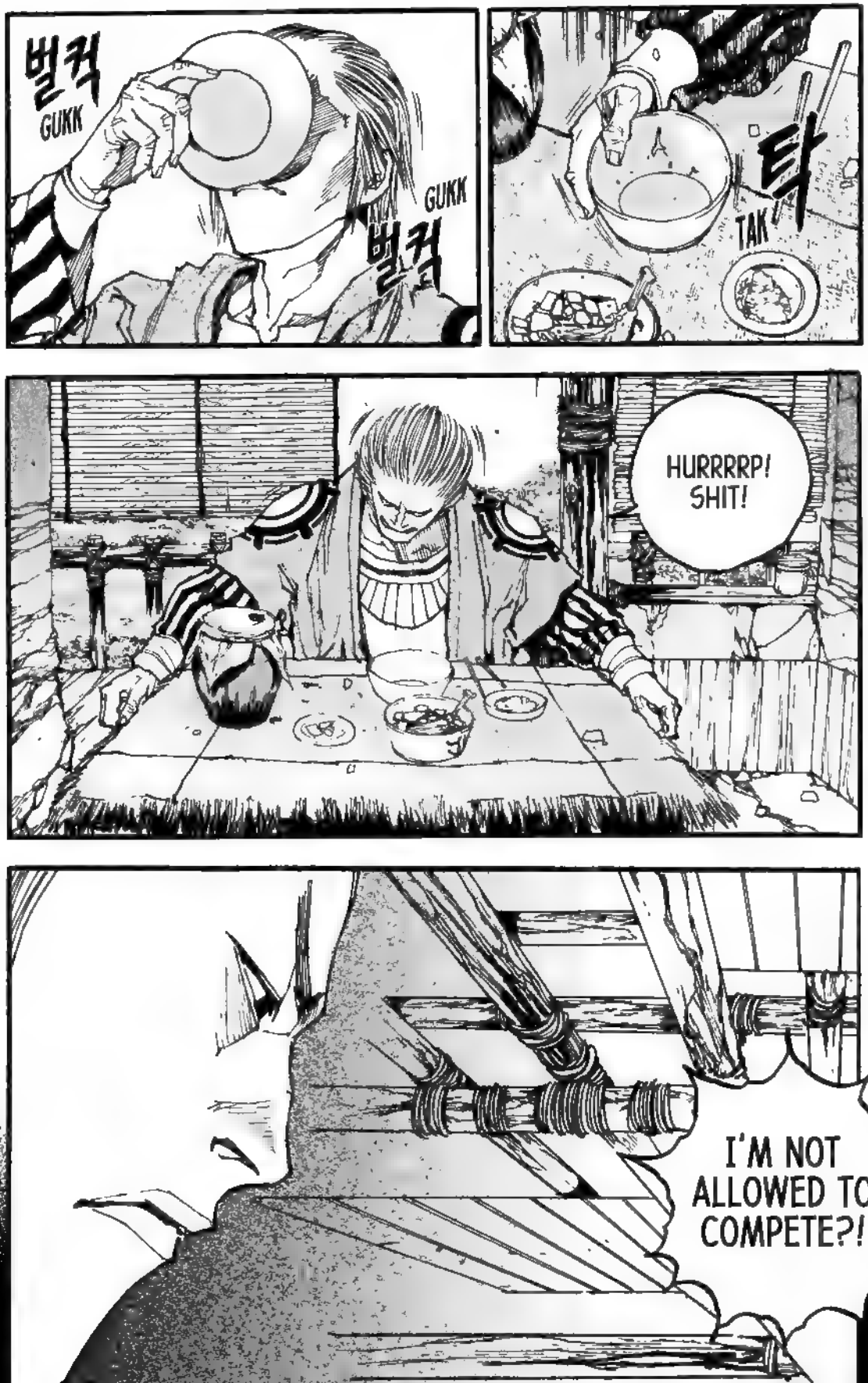
TOK
COMING!

WHAT'S HIS DEAL?
HIS DAILY DROWNING... A SELF-PITY SESSION...


GEEZ... HE COULD DRINK QUIETLY!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GUKK
GUKK
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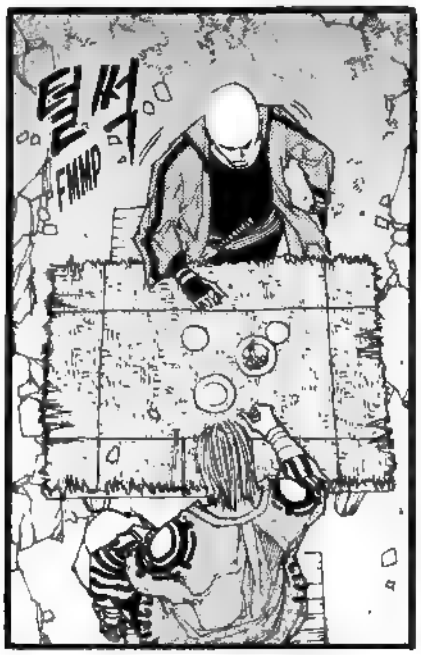
TAK
HURRRRP!
SHIT!
I'M NOT
ALLOWED TO
COMPETE?!

WHOA, SIR! TAKE IT EASY! I JUST WORK HERE!
와
SNNCH
락
SHKK
WHY IS EVERYONE GETTING THEIR DRINKS BEFORE ME, HUH?!
SIR... I...I JUST...
PLEASE UNDERSTAND MY POSITION! WE'RE A BIT SHORTHANDED, AND--
TELL ME WHO I AM.
Y-YOU'RE LORD SAKAI.
AND WITHOUT ME, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN WORK HERE!
SHAKE
바둥
SHAKE
바둥
WITHOUT ME, THERE WOULD BE NO MARUCHETTE.
OF COURSE, SIR! ABSOLUTELY!

WHOAA!
THEN WHY DO YOU TREAT ME LIKE A DEADBEAT?!
휘익
FWOO
SKASH
쨍그랑
WMMP
채
MARUCHETTE'S ASSETS ARE ABOUT TO BE STOLEN BY SOME TWO-BIT CLAN CALLED MANUTU DOGSHIT...
FEEL BETTER NOW?
?
A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME YOU FREQUENTED THIS DUMP, BUT MAYBE MY TIMING WAS OFF.

HOW 'BOUT A DRINK?
스윽
WHISH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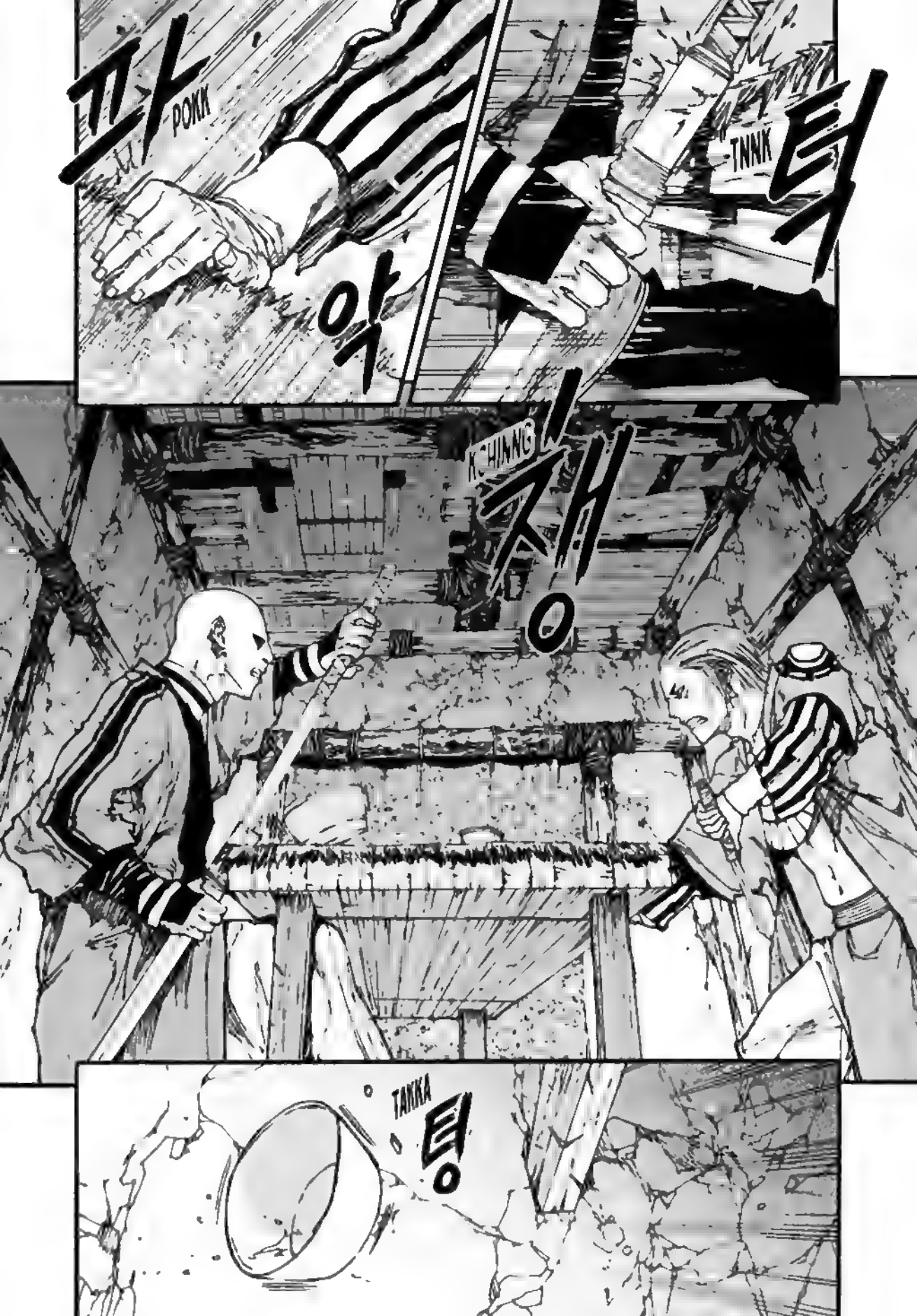
FWAP

WHO SAID YOU COULD SIT HERE?

WHAT I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU, I'LL JUST LAY OUT NOW...

YOUR BROTHER WAS HACKED UP PRETTY BAD RECENTLY. DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW WHO WAS BEHIND THAT?
우적
MNNCH
MNNCH
우적

IT WAS *ME!*
YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVEN'T HEARD OF ME, AND I DON'T APPRECIATE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR. *WHO* THE FUCK ARE YOU?!
I'M YURI, CHIEF WARRIOR OF KUGAI.
FAP
I WORKED HARD TO GET THAT TITLE AND IT OPENS A LOT OF DOORS PEOPLE ONLY DREAM ABOUT. NOW...DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?
SHFF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TNNK
KCHANG
TAKKA

HEY, NOW...
TAKE IT EASY. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR BROTHER'S PAST HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
TK
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
HEH!
I JUST WANTED TO CHAT. ACTUALLY, I'M *CERTAIN* YOU'LL LIKE WHAT I HAVE IN MIND.

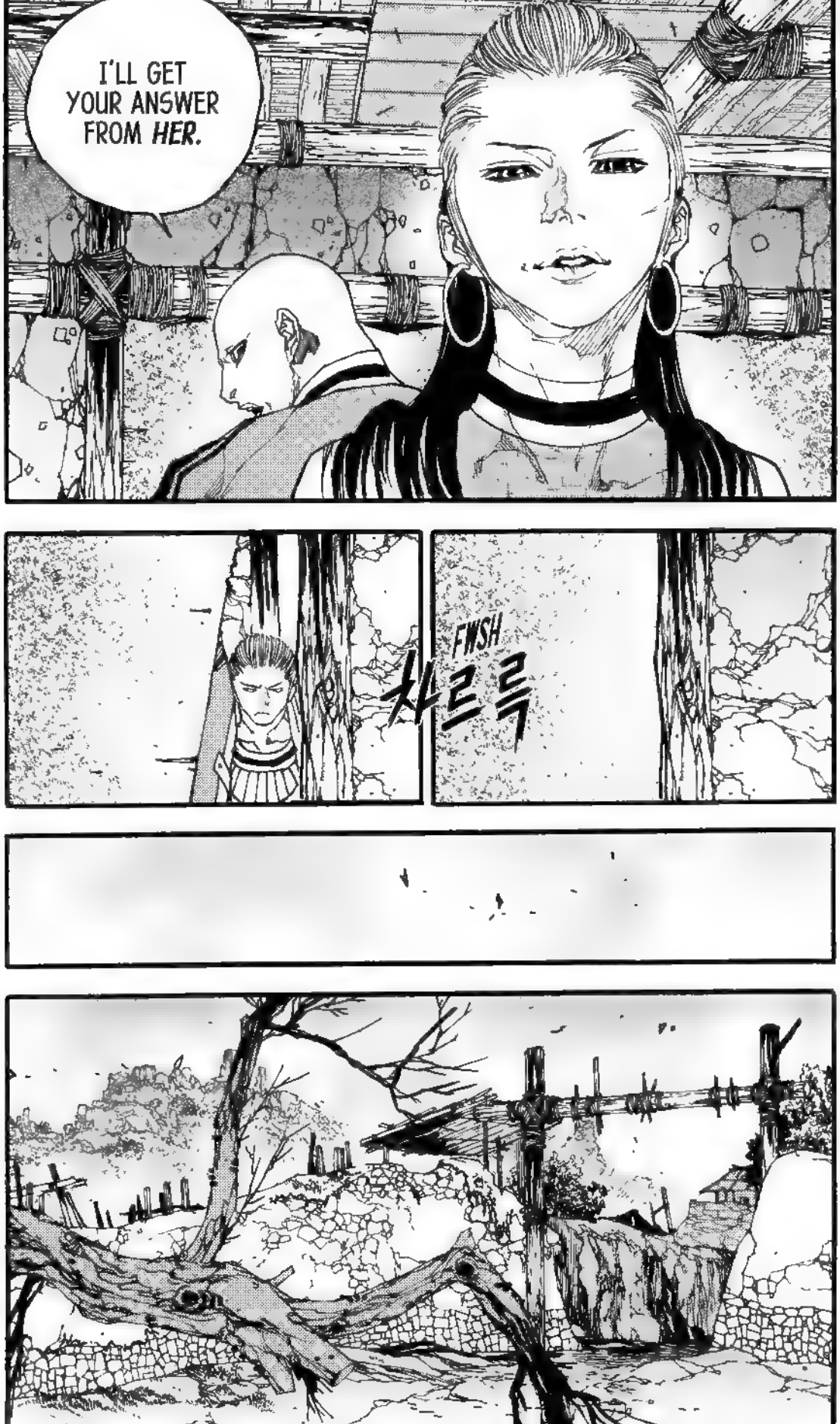
HAVING THE POWER OF THE MARUCHETTE CLAN IS A PRETTY BIG DEAL.
AND...YOUR POINT IS...?
I THINK YOU'RE WISE ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT STARTING A WAR WITH THE KUGAI EMPIRE WILL LEAD TO YOUR DESTRUCTION... AND THAT'S BAD FOR ANYONE'S HEALTH.
JUST A SEC, MAYBE YOU GOT THE WRONG ONE, HERE. YOU NEED TO TALK TO THE *GIRL*, DON'T YOU THINK?
DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU PUT YOUR NECK ON THE LINE TO PROTECT YOUR TURF. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE WAS CRYING FOR A DIAPER CHANGE. I CAN'T DO BUSINESS WITH A *CHILD*.
STILL, SHE *IS* MY NIECE.
LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW.
GOGU WILL LIKELY TEAM UP WITH MANUTU TO PROTECT THE GIRL AND MARUCHETTE.
I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER JOINING US.
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SELLING SELLS ITSELF.
BESIDES...YOU WANNA HANG AROUND WITH A BUNCH OF *LOWLIFES*...OR DO YOU WANNA CHANGE THE WORLD?

파악
SQUEEZE

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY. I HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN DO ALL THAT.
CHFF
드르

I ALSO BROUGHT YOU SOME FINE WINE. ENJOY IT, AND THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID.


I'LL GET YOUR ANSWER FROM *HER*.
FWSH
차르륵

YOU THINK IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
WHAT?
THIS TIME, OUR OPPONENT IS KUGAI, SO I'M KINDA CONCERNED...
SHIT! PLEASE... LOOK WHAT SHE DID TO ME! AND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER...?
I...I GUESS.
THAT OLD HAG IS HARDCORE WITH A CAPITAL "H"...! I BET YOU, IF FED TO THE LIONS, SHE'D COME BACK WITH A LION-FUR COAT, SUIT, AND SCARF TO MATCH.
ANYWAY...
차락- ROLL ROLL 차락
KRNCH 헉
...HER PERSONALITY'S WHAT I WANNA SQUASH.

TONNG
KAGGHH!
UOOGH!
WHO THE FU--?!
?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY *PERSONALITY*, HMM? I DON'T HEAR ANYONE ELSE BITCHIN'.
GE...GENJI... SO SOON.

WHAT'S WRONG? LION GOT YOUR TONGUE?
...
N-NO MA'AM...
YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN...
PUH- PLEASE!
퍽! THUMP
KRACK 퍽
OUCH!

GOGU IS ALIVE?
YES, BUT HE'S NOT WELL. WE'VE BEEN MOVING HIM AROUND FOR HIS SAFETY, BUT...
WHO ELSE KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS?
I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD A BROTHER.
IT'S A LOT OF WORK...SO WE RECRUITED GOGU'S BROTHER, SAKAI, FOR HELP.
YES... MORE LIKE PARTNERS. YOKU AND GOGU SEEM TO CONFIDE IN HIM.
WHAT'S HIS BACKGROUND?

I'M NOT CERTAIN...
I BELIEVE YOKU SABOTAGED OUR LAST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN'T TRUST ANYONE FROM THIS SIDE OF TOWN.
SAKAI IS NO EXCEPTION.
LET'S GO VISIT GOGU FIRST.
FWSH
YAKI-- YOU STAY HERE.
!

I'D LIKE TO GO.
NO, BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHO YOU ARE HERE. RIGHT NOW, WE CAN'T EVEN TELL FRIENDS FROM FOES, AND WE NEED TO USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE.
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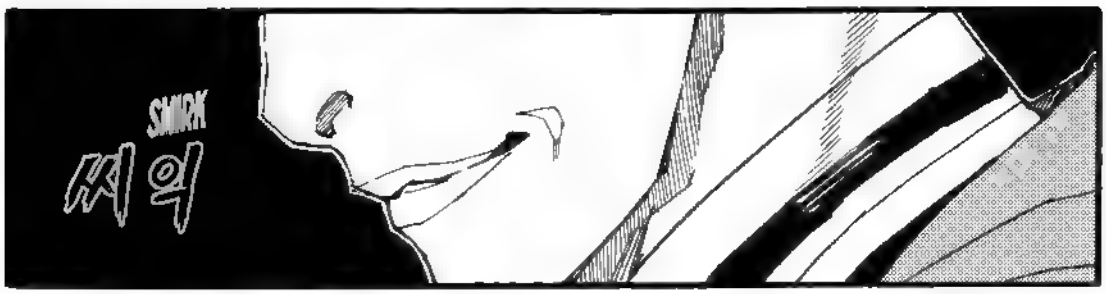
TNK
PLEASE, TRUST ME ON THIS.
LET'S GO. AS LONG AS GOGU'S BREATHING, THE SHOW MUST GO ON.
SIR, LET ME HELP.
스윽
SWSH

YOU...
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE SEEKING REVENGE FOR BATU.
WELL, THEN...
...WELCOME TO HELL.

MY LORD, IT'S DONE. EVEN IF THE MANUTU CLAN COMES BACK, SAKAI VOWS TO DESTROY THEM.
슥 SHWF
GOOD. I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE MAINLAND AND BRING THE NEW BOUNTY-HUNTER RECRUITS BACK. THINGS ARE GONNA GET DANGEROUS, SO KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN.



THE WORLD WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DON'T ABIDE BY KUGAI'S RULE...

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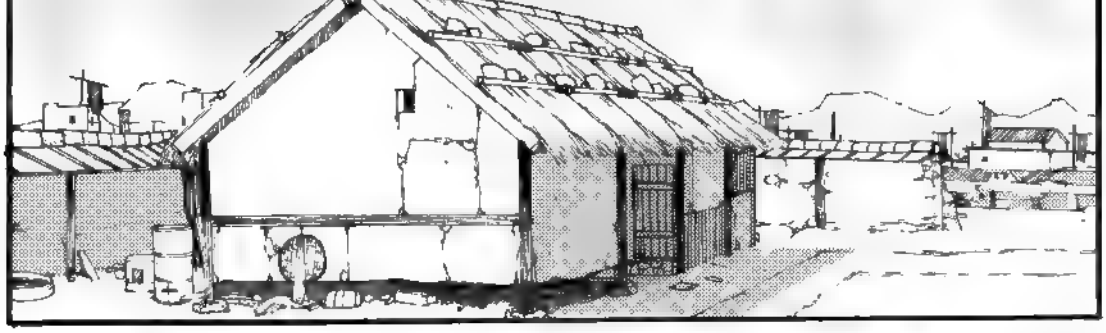
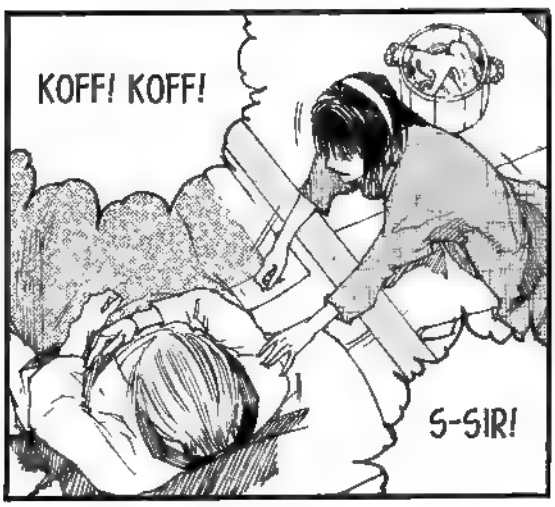


I'VE LIVED HERE FOR HALF O' MY LIFE AND NEVER SEEN AN INCIDENT LIKE THAT. OO! I MUST BE GETTING OLD.

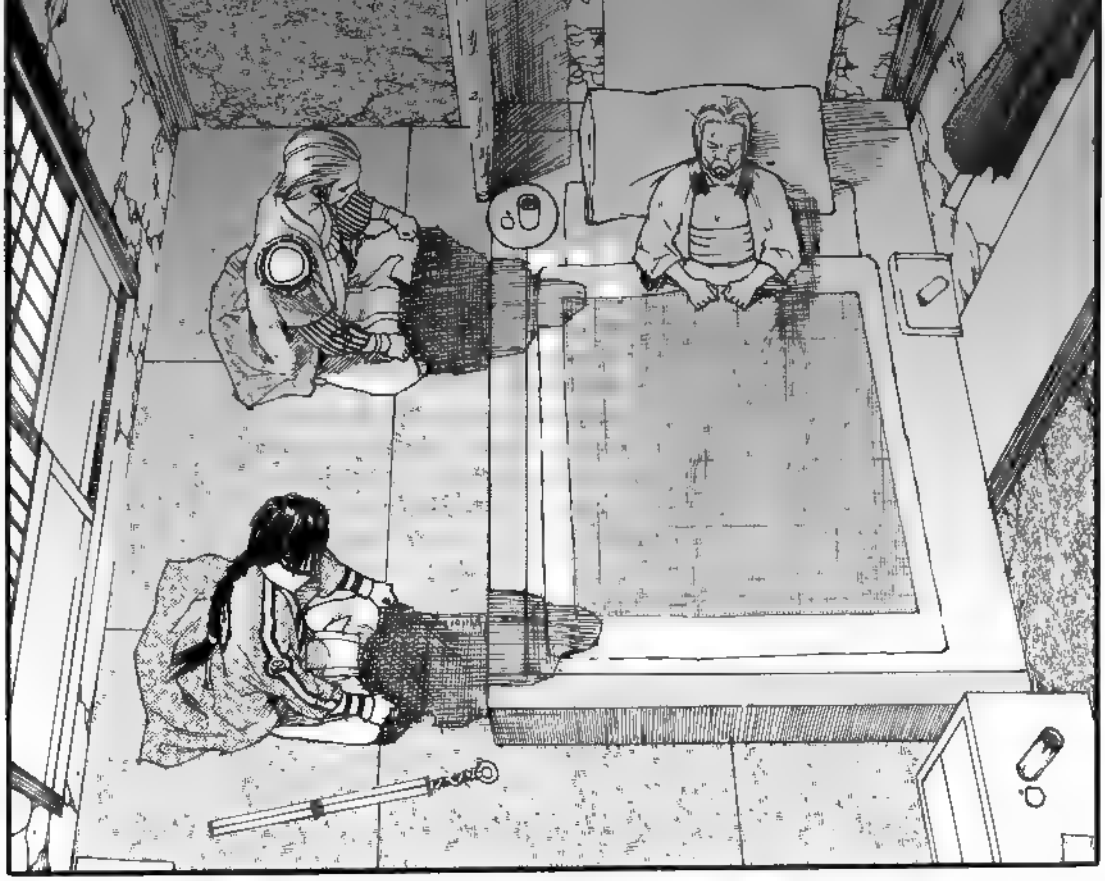
I'M SO SORRY. I WISH THINGS TURNED OUT BETTER...

PLEASE...IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU GENTS, ME AND MY DAUGHTER WOULD BOTH BE DEAD.


KOFF! KOFF!
S-SIR!

드륵
SHFF

BROTHER!
HM?
SHWF
MM... WELCOME.
HI... UNCLE.
WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE FOR A WHILE, I NEED TO TALK TO HIM.
YES, FATHER.



LET ME INTRODUCE YOU. THIS HERE IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER, SAKAI. HE'S WELL KNOWN FOR TAKING CARE OF UNWANTED PROBLEMS.

THIS HERE IS THE CHIEF WARRIOR OF MANUTU.

I'M YATILLA.
SHIT! FORGET THE INTRODUC-TIONS.

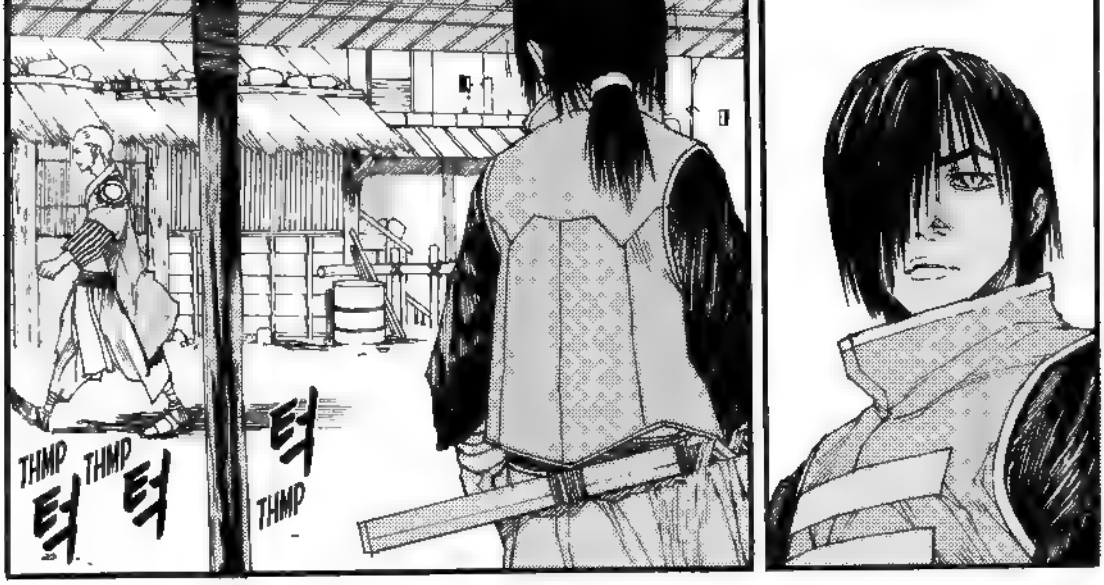
FROM WHAT I HEAR, MANUTU HAS A REPUTATION AS THE WOLF OF THE DESERT-- BUT CAN'T EVEN GUARD ITS OWN HOUSE LIKE A *MUTT*.
W-WHAT THE HELL...? HOW DARE YOU--
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF LIES YOU'VE BEEN TELLING MY BROTHER, BUT I WON'T FALL FOR ANY OF IT.
MR. CHIEF FUCKIN' WARRIOR, WE'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU.
AND...SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HIM OR MY NIECE, I'M GONNA HUNT YOU DOWN FIRST AND FOREMOST.
UNDERSTOOD.

MISS! WHY AIN'T YOU WITH YOUR FATHER?
I WANT TO BE, BUT HE WANTED TO TALK TO OUR GUESTS IN PRIVATE.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR FATHER WAS HOLDING ANY SECRETS FROM YOU. YOU THINK IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT HANDSOME WARRIOR GUY?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT LURKS IN MEN'S MINDS, YOU KNOW?
NO...?!

I CAN THINK OF ONE THING...
WHAT?
NOOO, I DON'T THINK SO...HEE HEE HEE!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR DAMN MIND? BOKARA AND THIS GUY TOGETHER? THEN ALL THE PROPERTIES AND ASSETS OF MARUCHETTE WILL BE--
PRECISELY...

FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK I CAN LAST MUCH LONGER... HOFF! HRFF!
DON'T YOU TALK THAT WAY. YOU'LL BE FINE AFTER SOME REST, BIG BROTHER.
WHATEVER HE TOLD YOU, HE DIDN'T MEAN IT. HE'S JUST TOO INCOHERENT TO MAKE THIS KIND OF DECISION.
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. HE OFFERED.
GLARE
응?
BIG BRO, I HAVE TO GET BACK. I'LL SEE YOU SOON.
GRIP
꽈악

SWSH
BY THE WAY, MR. WARRIOR...
I HAVE MY OWN REASONS FOR SAYING WHAT I SAID. THINK ABOUT IT BEFORE YOU DECIDE.
TOKK
HRRR...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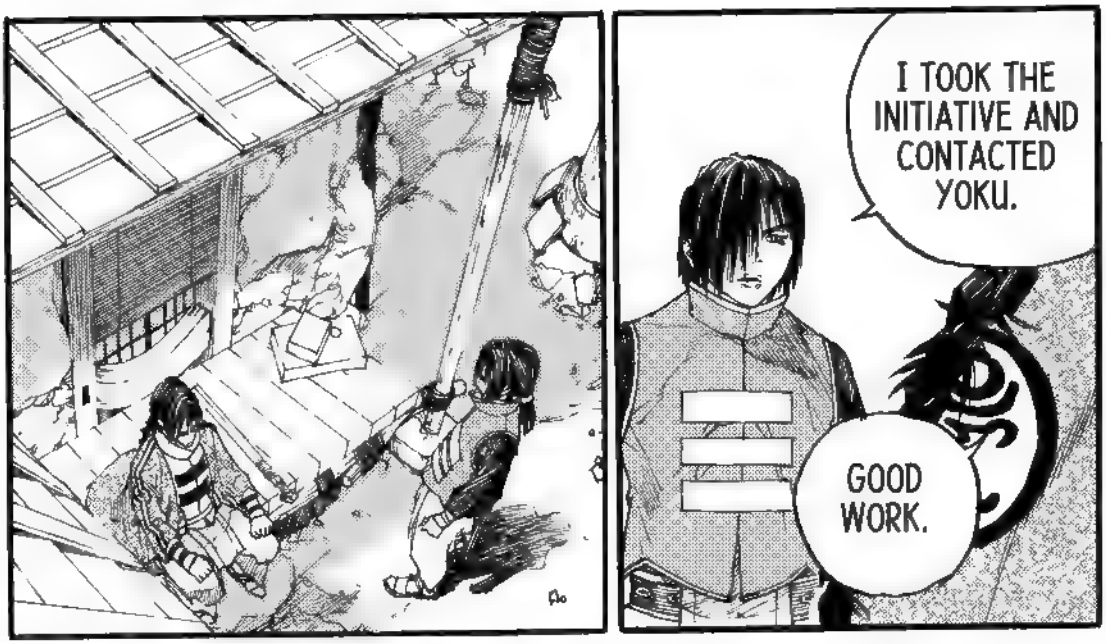
I TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND CONTACTED YOKU.
GOOD WORK.

I GOT A GLIMPSE OF SAKAI ON MY WAY HERE, AND IT WASN'T PLEASANT. SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?
WELL... WE'LL SEE...
PARDON ?
SAKAI WASN'T HAPPY WITH WHAT MASTER GOGU HAD TO SAY. I WANT TO TALK TO HORAKAAN AND GET HIS ADVICE.

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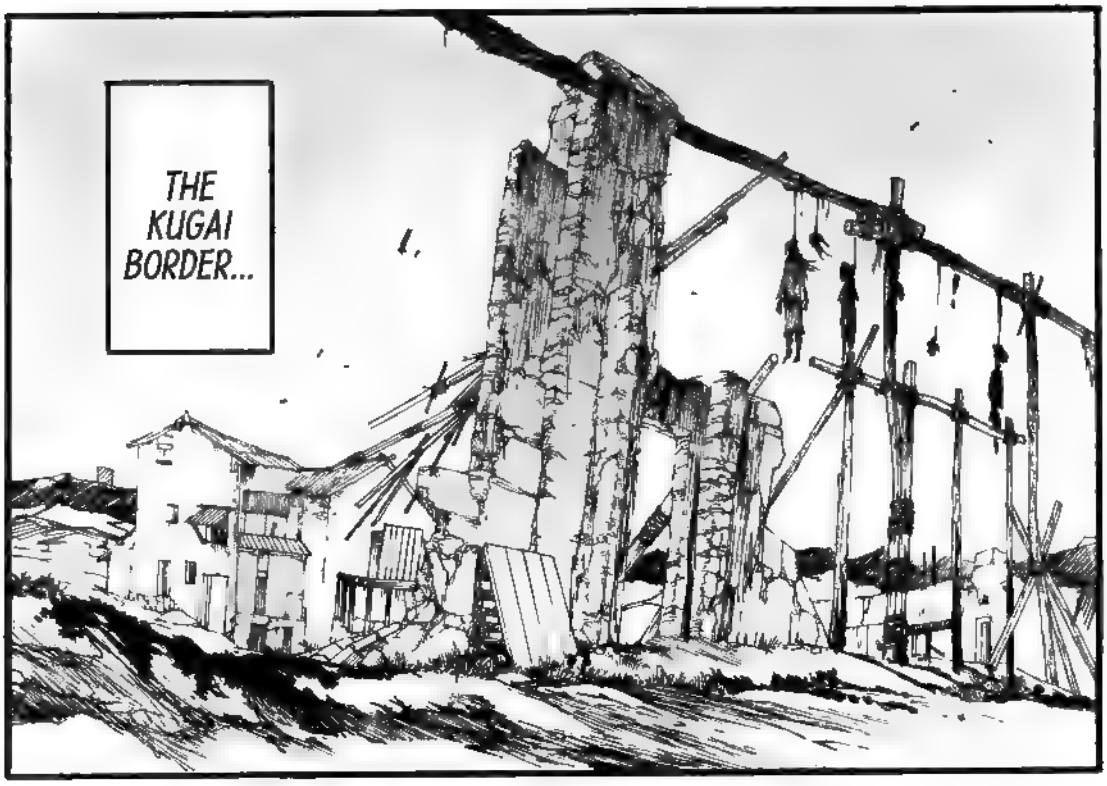
FWUPPA


THE KUGAI BORDER...

FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, I DON'T HEAR A THING...AND NOW THIS...?
YOU'RE NOT SOLDIERS. ARE YOU BOUNTY HUNTERS?

IDIOTS. YOU RAN RIGHT INTO OUR PATH...
THIS BORDERLAND STILL BELONGS TO KUGAI! NOW GET!
IS THAT RIGHT...?
AS LONG AS WE KNOW YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, YOU'RE BOTH DEAD.
DON'T YOU PUT NO BLAME ON ME! I DIDN'T DO SHIT!
THNNCH
SHUKK

KAGGHH!
D-DAD!
휙
HWIK
YIEEE !!
SHRAK
끼
가

AAH!
CHWAAA
SHHHK

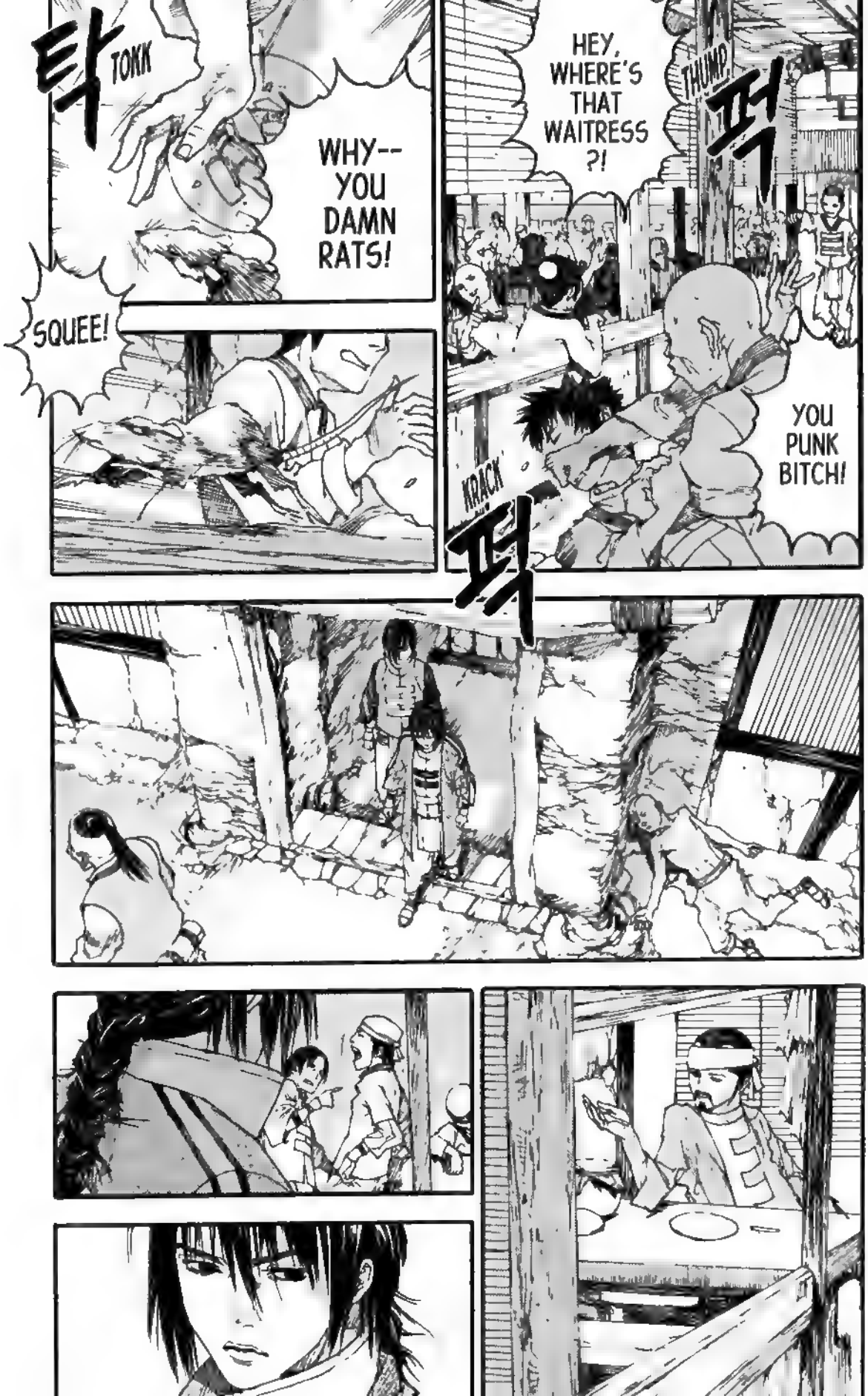
COULD IT BE...? A REAL SHAMAN WARRIOR...?
SPTTCH
HAGK!
ALREADY INJURED. MAKING IT THIS FAR WAS QUITE A FEAT.
HAVE YOU NOT SEEN A SHAMAN BEFORE?
ACTUALLY, I HAVE, BUT THIS ONE WAS TOO WEAK.
I KNOW *KIDS* WHO CAN DO CIRCLES AROUND HIM.
A REAL SHAMAN... NEVER GIVES UP.

NEXT TIME, WE WON'T WASTE TIME TALKING.
AAH... AAH...
GRAB
YOU SCUMBAGS! WHY DID YOU KILL MY FATHER?!

WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE US ALONE?! WE NEVER HURT ANYONE, AND WE'RE NOT STUPID LIKE PEOPLE SAY.
KID...SINCE YOUR DADDY'S GONE, I'M SPARING YOUR LIFE.
FUCK YOU... I'LL AVENGE MY FATHER'S DEATH.
THEY SAY THAT A SHAMAN'S SPIRIT IS IN THE GENES.

SO WHAT ABOUT THIS KID?
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND I FELT KINDA BAD FOR HIS FATHER...
SLITCH

HOO...I'VE HEARD OF YOUR REPUTATION, AND I GUESS THEY WEREN'T EXAGGERATING.
ONCE THIS SWORD IS PULLED, IT FINISHES THE JOB.
SQUEE!
SQUIK!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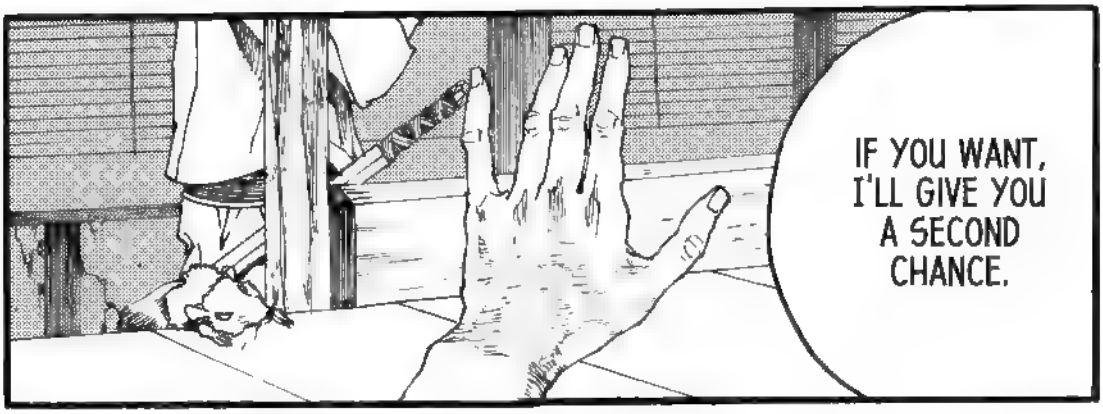
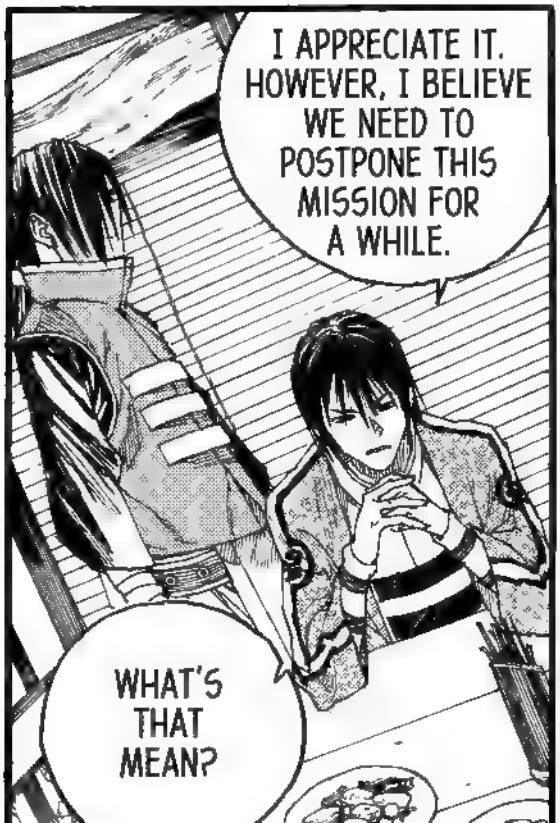
TOKK
WHY-- YOU DAMN RATS!
SQUEE!
HEY, WHERE'S THAT WAITRESS ?!
THUMP
퍽
YOU PUNK BITCH!
KRACK
퍽

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
HM?
WELL... IF IT ISN'T MR. WARRIOR HIMSELF. WELCOME TO THE PARTY.
SKFF
I KNOW YOU HAD A LOT OF FAITH IN ME, BUT I APOLOGIZE FOR COMING UP SHORT ON THE LAST MISSION.

AH...YES...I HEARD ABOUT THAT. AT THE SAME TIME, NOT EVERYTHING YOU WISH FOR IN LIFE COMES TRUE.
BUT YOU SEEM TO BE IN ONE PIECE...AND IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE.


IF YOU WANT, I'LL GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE.


I APPRECIATE IT. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO POSTPONE THIS MISSION FOR A WHILE.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

REE!
REE!
TAT
TAT
TAT
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타

FWK
퍽

SQUEE!
KNNCH
?!
HUH?!
HWSH

WOW, THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. BUT KILLING A WORTHLESS RODENT IS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN FACING DESPERATE PEOPLE IN DESPERATE SITUATIONS.
THE MORE DESPERATE THEY BECOME, THE MORE MISTAKES THEY MAKE.
WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT IT, I'LL STRIKE.
SWSH
TIK KTIK

"THE MORE DESPERATE THEY BECOME, THE MORE MISTAKES THEY MAKE"...!
SQUEE
SQUEE
"WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT IT, I'LL STRIKE"...!
HMPF!
HA HA HA!
THANK YOU FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. I APPRECIATE IT.
I LIKE YOUR STYLE, AND I BELIEVE YOU CAN DO THE JOB JUST FINE.

척 THMP
YO, YO...
타 TOKK
THIS IS MY HOUSE!!
I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN A WHILE, AND NOW LOOK AT THIS PIGSTY!
쾅 KRASH
SO...YOU LIKE PARTYING WITH DIRTY RATS ALL OVER THE PLACE, HUH?!

LOOK, NOW... THERE ARE A LOT OF CUSTOMERS IN HERE. WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
SHHK
THAP
YOU WANNA LIVE A LI'L LONGER?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO...
CHKK
KEH HEH HEH!

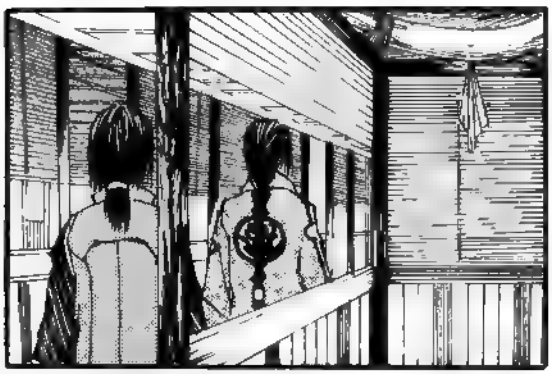
OH, YEAH?
SHWSH
YOU WANT SOME O' THIS?!
WOOSH
THUK
WNNK
THMP
FMP

HGK!
UK!
THAT SHOULDA BEEN *MY* QUESTION... DON'T YOU THINK?
KURGH!
WOBBLE
CRASH
HRF!
WH-SHINK

PARDON ME FOR THE CRAZINESS HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE ELSEWHERE?
털썩
FMMP
THAT'S FINE, YOKU. I NEED TO BE ON MY WAY.

I'LL HAVE THE MONEY READY SOON, SO PLEASE BEAR WITH ME.
슥
CHFF

ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.



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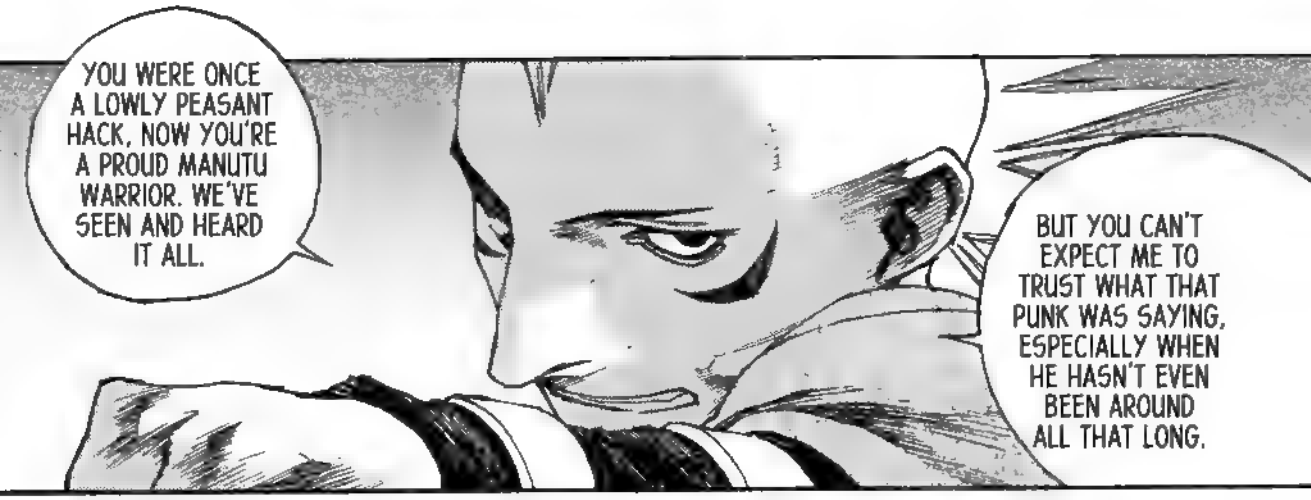
SIR, I THINK THAT WAS A BIT MUCH.

I'M AWARE OF THAT, BUT I WANTED TO FIND OUT WHERE HE STANDS ON THE ISSUES.
YOU MEAN--

IF HE'S REALLY SMART, HE'LL MAKE HIS MOVE *SOON.*

YOU THINK HE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING? I JUST DON'T LIKE HIS STOIC WAYS.
SHOULD I TAKE CARE OF HIM? I MEAN HE'S JUST A PUNK...COMING TO MARUCHETTE LIKE HE OWNS THE FUCKIN' PLACE...
FORGET ABOUT IT.
EVERY TIME WE RUSH THINGS, IT BITES US IN THE ASS.
IF WE NEGOTIATE WITH KUGAI, MANUTU'S FUTURE COULD BE IN GREAT SHAPE-- DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
TIK 철컥 KTIK
THINGS ARE TOO VOLATILE RIGHT NOW, AND WE SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVES. LET'S WAIT AND SEE.
BUT HOW LONG ARE WE GONNA SIT HERE THROWING DARTS INTO DAMN RATS?! ARE YOU SURE WE'RE EVEN GONNA GET THAT MONEY?!
SAME DIFFERENCE.


YOU WERE ONCE A LOWLY PEASANT HACK. NOW YOU'RE A PROUD MANUTU WARRIOR. WE'VE SEEN AND HEARD IT ALL.
BUT YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO TRUST WHAT THAT PUNK WAS SAYING, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HASN'T EVEN BEEN AROUND ALL THAT LONG.

HA HA! SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE PEASANT HACK HIMSELF. WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED FOR PROOF?
SHK
툭

.....
스윽
FWIK

HEE HEE! WELL... WHY DON'T WE LET SOME DOGS LOOSE AND SEE WHAT KIND OF STINK THEY FIND?

WHAT?
AT SOME POINT, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE, AND IF WE FUCK THAT UP, WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE--DON'T YOU SEE THAT?

SO IF THAT PUNK'S LIFE IS WORTH SO MUCH TO KUGAI, WE SHOULD SNATCH HIM AND *NEGOTIATE* WITH KUGAI. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S WORTH?!
HE'S ASSOCIATED WITH ARAGORN--AND DEFINITELY NOT SOME HACK.
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. LET'S TEST HIM OUT WITH OUR PEOPLE.
SWISH
SWISH
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF TAKING SOME RISKS, ARE YOU?
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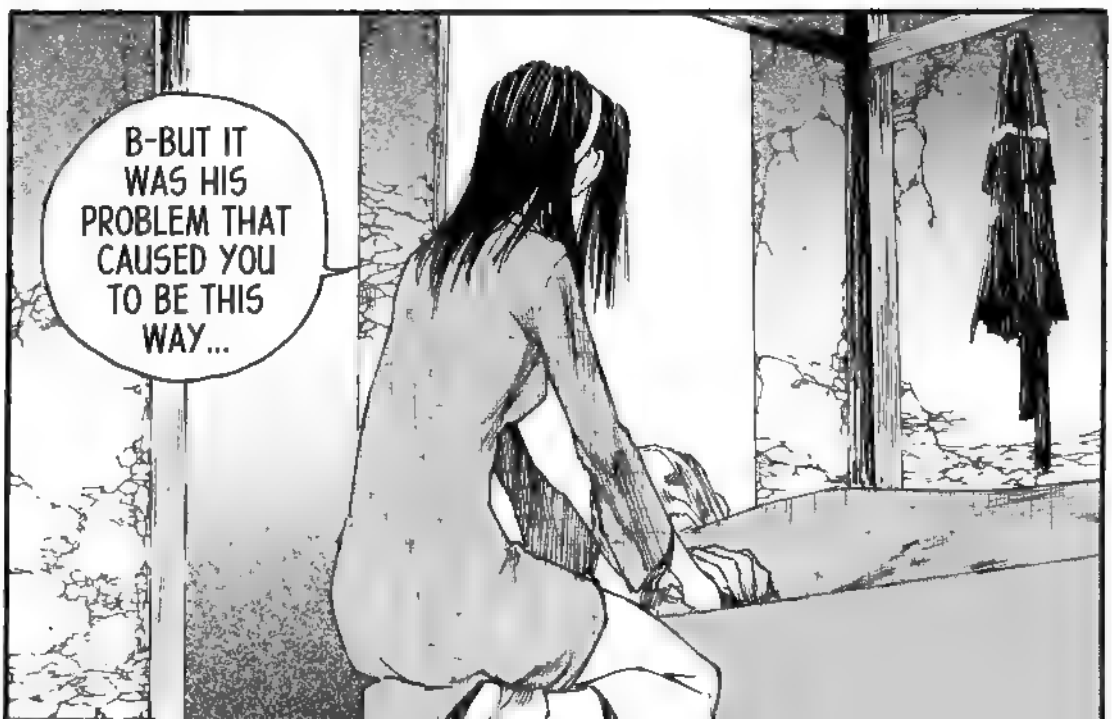
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
MM... BOKARA...
I WANT YOU TO HAVE A HAPPY LIFE.
I'LL BE *HAPPY* WHEN I SEE YOU GET BETTER.
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I HAVE. WITH ALL THE MADNESS IN THIS WICKED WORLD, I JUST CAN'T DIE LIKE THIS.
THP
사악
PLEASE, FATHER, NO MORE OF THAT KINDA TALK. YOU'LL BE FINE SOON, AND UNCLE WILL BE HERE FOR US, TOO.

LISTEN...DON'T TRUST SAKAI TOO MUCH.
I DON'T GET IT. HE'S BEEN SO HELPFUL FOR SO LONG.
TRUE...
HE DID HELP ME UNCONDITIONALLY... EVEN SOME FAVORS I'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT.
FATHER...
BUT ULTIMATELY, HE DID THOSE DEEDS FOR HIS OWN GAIN. NOT FOR ME.
HE HAS *NEVER* DONE ONE FAVOR WITHOUT TAKING SOMETHING DOUBLE THE VALUE IN RETURN. *NEVER*...

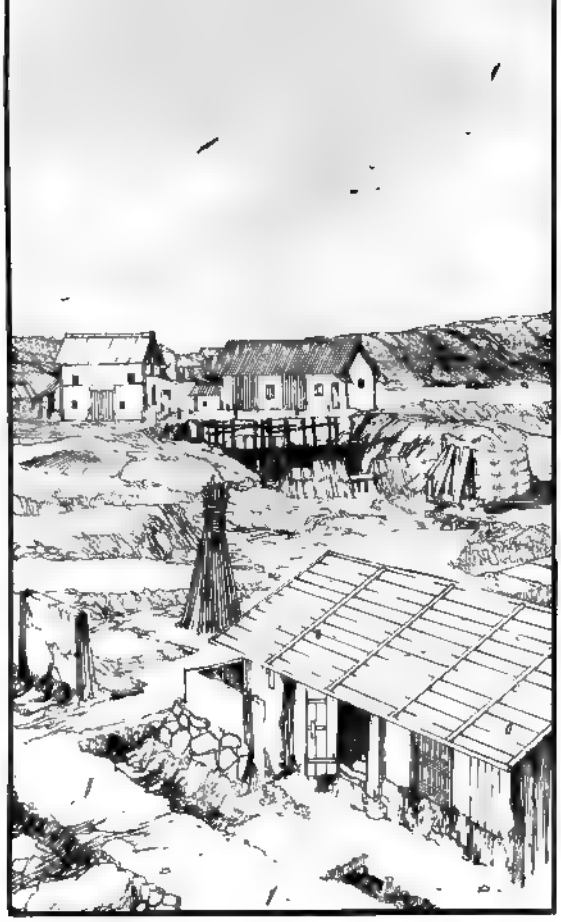
JUST TRUST ME ON THIS... GO AWAY WITH LORD YATILLA.
WHAT?
TP
NOW I NEED A FAVOR.

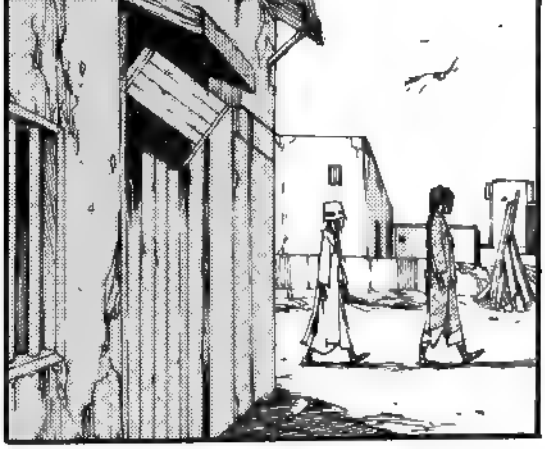
I TRUST HIM. MY LIFELONG EXPERIENCE AT MARUCHETTE TELLS ME TO DO THIS.


B-BUT IT WAS HIS PROBLEM THAT CAUSED YOU TO BE THIS WAY...

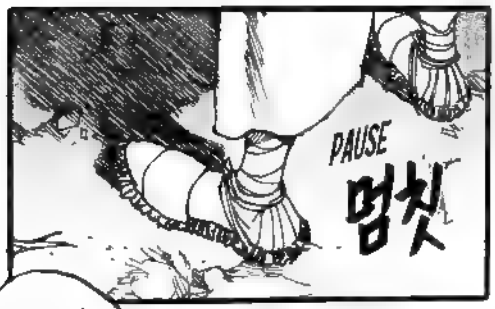
MAYBE IT'S FATE...ALL MY ASSETS, MY LIFE, AND YOU...IF HE IS WHAT I THINK HE IS, HE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
탁 TAP
TAP 탁
I'M OLD...BUT IF YOU AND YATILLA CAN BECOME A COUPLE, I'VE DONE MY JOB.
저벅 THMP
THMP 저벅

DID YOU SEE HIM?
YES, HE JUST LEFT FOR A MEETING.
ANY MES-SAGES?
SIX OF THEM. TWO WERE WITH YOKU. REST OF 'EM I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE.
탁
TMP
THERE WAS ONE WITH A SPIDER TATTOO WHO LEFT SOME KIND OF MESSAGE, BUT I COULDN'T TELL WHAT.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH. TOMORROW, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEIR PLANS.





UMM...I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.


PAUSE
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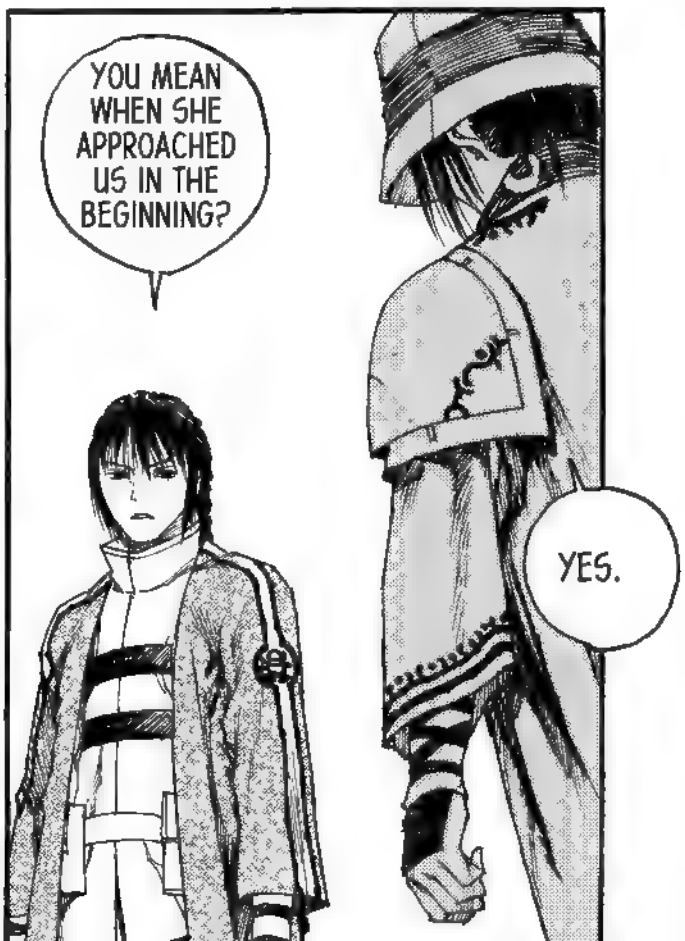
WHAT'S THAT?
SHFF
슥
ABOUT GENJI...DO YOU THINK YOU LET HER IN TOO EASY?


YOU MEAN WHEN SHE APPROACHED US IN THE BEGINNING?
YES.

SHE HAD A HISTORY WITH BATU...AND THAT GOES A LONG WAY.
HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE IN HER SHOES?
I'M NOT GENJI.
TRUE.
I DID WONDER ABOUT GENJI, AND I EXPECTED HER TO APPROACH ME AT SOME POINT.
WE CAN'T REPLACE BATU, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED... *THAT*, WE'LL HONOR FOREVER.

GENJI KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE. I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE HER NEED TO HELP.
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HUH?

S-SIR, HE...
JUST A WHILE AGO...
CHFFF

HE'S
GONE...

BROTHER!!
KTHUMP
타닷

WHSH
확

FAPP
THIS IS YOUR FUCKIN' FAULT!
SHINNG
FMP
FMP
NOW I'M GONNA FUCK YOU UP!

HRAAH!
SHWOO
KRAK

SWSHH
파밧
SHIKK
F.WOO-
TAKE ONE STEP AND YOU'RE DEAD.
SHAMAN WARRIOR
VOLUME SEVEN / END

Author's Note

Even now, when I look at the rough draft of this volume,
I get goose bumps and feel a bit nervous . . .

I keep thinking about the time when this was just a daydream,
and I realize now that it's a reality . . . Well, more like a reality show *. . .*

It's not always fun and games, though.
I have actually learned to relax and cope with the pressures
of meeting deadlines and having to redo an entire page . . .
Or two . . . Or maybe more before publication . . .
But in the end, it's well worth the effort.

I sincerely thank my publisher and my devoted staff
your dedication is second to none.

—Park Joong-Ki

AND NOW...BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

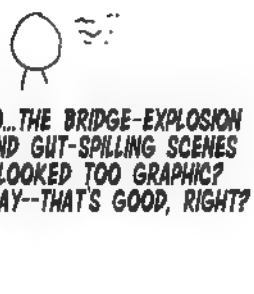
STUDIO DIARY

OMG...THIS IS BETTER THAN THE NOVEL ITSELF...

OLD GHOST STORIES GAVE ME THE CREEPS EVER SINCE CHILDHOOD. MY OLDER BROTHER USED TO WALK ME TO THE BATHROOM 'TIL I WAS, LIKE, IN =COUGH= NINTH GRADE =COUGH=...

I TOOK IT OUT ON A TOY SNAKE, BECAUSE SOMETIME DURING MY BEAUTY SLEEP IN SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS, I HEARD THAT THE SNAKE WAS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL OR SOMETHING.

WHEN I TAKE A SHOWER, I HAVE TO HAVE THE CURTAIN A BIT OPEN SO I CAN LOOK AROUND THE ROOM... YOU SEE IT IN MOVIES ALL THE TIME...SOME SHADOWY FIGURE JUST OUT OF YOUR VIEW WITH DRAMATIC SOUND EFFECTS. HORROR FILMS...? FORGET ABOUT IT. IF I MUST GO FOR RESEARCH OR SOMETHING, I NEED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT STORY, SCARIEST MOMENTS, AND SO ON SO THE TENSION WON'T KILL ME.


SHAMAN WARRIOR CREATOR
HEY, IT'S KINDA FUN TO DRAW THIS WAY...
SO...THE BRIDGE-EXPLOSION AND GUT-SPILLING SCENES LOOKED TOO GRAPHIC? OKAY--THAT'S GOOD, RIGHT?

IT'S VIRTUALLY "THREE'S COMPANY" IN OUR STUDIO.

HAHAHAHAHAHAHHAHAHA!

ZZZ... ZZZ...

F***! A******! B****!

ME

PUNKY (YOUNGEST)

GANG CHUL...AFTER GETTING A BIT BUFF, HE STARTED TALKING SOME SMACK THE OTHER DAY. WHAT ARROGANCE! IS HE ON THE JUICE?

FEARLESS PUNKY.

HE'S GOT "MUTT MUZZLE" AND A YOUNG BOY'S FACE, BUT HE'S ABSOLUTELY FEARLESS...CREEPY... CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, RIGHT?

ME AND GANG CHUL-- WE HATE GHOST STORIES WITH A PASSION.

I WANTED TO CHECK OUT MY FAVORITE MOVIE STARLET, K-YOUNG MOON IN HER NEW MOVIE, WITH PUNKY IN THE MIDDLE AND GANG CHUL IN THE BACK. IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD FLICK. ONE THUMB UP.

SOOJUNG HAS MENTAL ISSUES!

BRRUMM

DAMN, I KNEW IT

HOW DOES HE KNOW?

IF I TRY HARD, I CAN REALLY CUSS PEOPLE OUT!

NOOO!

NOOO!

ME

WAGAK!

SHAAK!

PUNKY

GANG CHUL

POSTURE

I KNOW IT'S STRANGE, BUT I'M TELLING YOU-- THE BEST WAY TO KICK SOMEONE...OR SOMETHING LIKE A GHOST...IS IN THE "EGG ROLLS"...HEH HEH...

NOT TOO LONG AGO, WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT GHOSTS AGAIN, AND IT WAS SAD...THREE GROWN MEN SITTING THERE...

WE LOST OUR APPETITES...

I GUESS NOBODY IS HUNGRY ANYMORE...

WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY...

GANG CHUL COULDN'T GET UP TO CLOSE THE WINDOW...

HE'S AFRAID OF A GHOST POPPING UP FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WINDOW.

I COULDN'T GO TO THE RESTROOM...

MMM... MAYBE I'LL GO IN THE MORNING...

BUT PRETTY SOON, THEY'LL GO HOME, AND I'LL BE LEFT ALONE...TO GO TO THE RESTROOM BY MYSELF!

DAMN IT!

I SAW THAT SMALL WOMAN'S FOOT UNDER A PURE WHITE SHEER THROUGH THE CRACK OF THE STALL...OH, SHIT! STILL GIVES ME THE CHILLS NOW!

I SAW A FLASH

WHITE SHEER

FOOT

IT'S USUALLY NAÏVE AND NICE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID OF GHOSTS... YES, THAT'D BE US...

I FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS GANG CHUL CARRYING A WHITE BLANKET TO CRASH UNDER. I PLAYED IT OFF, SEE?

HAHAHA!

GANG CHUL

ME.

THIS IS ART, TOO.

I'LL SEE YOU IN SHAMAN WARRIOR VOLUME EIGHT–OUR PENULTIMATE VOLUME–COMING SOON!

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